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NCB SEEKS 'SURGE' BACK TO WORK

Hopes pinned on New Year tax bait

By JOHN RICHARDS Industrial Correspondent

THE first response to the Coal Board's renewed efforts to get a "surge" back to work by striking miners will be seen today when 160 of the 174 pits will be open again after Christmas and the New Year.

The remainder, mostly in Scotland, remain closed until next Monday. A total of 35 pits out of 174 where wholly strike-bound before the holiday shut-down.

Advertisements in national newspapers over the New Year holiday said men returning could earn up to £1,000 tax-free in the first month of the year, with up to £2,667 available tax-free in the first quarter.

Letters sent to the homes of striking miners have given details of the Board's offer.

These include no compulsory redundancies, the highest redundancy payments in industry, and a job elsewhere for any miner whose pit closes and who wants to remain in the Board's employment.

It is also emphasised that the 5·2 per cent. pay increase of Nov. 1, 1983, remains on the table, although it has not been accepted by the N U M.

Scargill 'confident of winning'

But despite the Board's claims that 70,000 of the 189,000 miners are not now on strike, Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the Mineworkers' Union, said yesterday: "We are more convinced and confident of winning."

On a picket line with his wife, Anne, outside Thorpe Marsh power station, near Doncaster, Mr Scargill pledged that the strikers would show "the same determination and the same *fervour* as we showed in March, 1984."

He added: "My message to the miners is a simple one—stand firm and we will win. The only way that the Government can resolve this dispute is by allowing negotiations between the Board and the union, withdrawing their pit closure plan, and adhering to the Plan for Coal."

There was nothing new in the newspaper advertisements and letters to miners, he said, and he accused the Coal Board of "suggesting they are going to butcher the industry—but as humanely as possible."

Year's stoppage in sight

This claim was described as "absolute nonsense", by Mr Michael Eaton, Coal Board spokesman, who added: "It is incredible that the strike will have been going a year on March 6. I sincerely hope it *will be over* by then.

"But how can we negotiate with the NUM when they say that no mine will close until it is totally exhausted?"

Mr. David Archibald, Coal Board regional director in the North East, said 5,250 men have returned to work since November in Northumberland and Durham.

"We now have men back at work in substantial numbers at nearly all our big producing pits," he said. "The next major step forward will be to produce coal and when this happens I expect it will spur more men to end the dispute and start earning good wages again."

Bishop urges policy of hope

Dr David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham, whose outspoken comments on the strike caused controversy last year, said in a Tyne-Tees Television interview, that the strike could end in a victory for the Government.

"I think it is very likely that the Government, as far as the battle goes, is winning and I *think it is one of the things* the miners ought to take into account," he said.

"But I would hope that the Government had such a concern for the community at large that it won't press its victory too far and will be prepared for a little bit of manoeuvering so that people can go back with some sort of goodwill and some sort of hope.

The Bishop said that both Mr Scargill and the Coal Board chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, would have to back down. But he felt it could be three or four months before they re-opened negotiations.

Mr MacGregor is not due to return from a family holiday in Florida until next Monday.

The cost of the strike up to *the end of 1984 is put at* £2·4 billion by City analysts Simon and Coates, in a report published today. The switch from coal to oil at power stations is costing an extra £40 million a week now, compared to £20 million in mid-September.

The total cost of running the strike, now in its 42nd week, is put at £85 million a week and lost coal exports and extra oil burn are now said to be costing £350 million a month on the balance of trade.

Mr Scargill puts the cost to the Government of the dispute at over £5 billion with 77 million tonnes of lost coal production and a 20 per cent. reduction in the value of the pound.

Simon and Coates also predict that inflation will be between 5¼ and 5½ per cent. in mid-1985 and could fall to 4 per cent. by the year end.

A 20,000 drop in unemployment in 1985 could be followed by a rise to a total of 3·4 million workless by the end of 1986, says the report.

Britain denies oil price pledge to Opec

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

THE Government has not given any undertaking to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to delay a decision on North Sea oil prices, the Department of Energy said yesterday.

It [illegible] *suggestions from* Opec sources that Britain had agreed to wait for a month to see whether the new Opec pact halted the downward slide in free market oil prices before deciding whether to reduce the cost of North Sea crude.

The spokesman said that no undertakings, either formal or informal, had been given to Opec.

It is understood that Sheikh Yamani, Saudi Arabian Oil Minister, has been in close touch with Mr Walker, Energy Secretary. He wants Britain to avoid any quick decisions on North Sea prices and has given a warning that another cut could trigger a price war.

Oil market traders remain sceptical about the chances that the Opec Pact, aimed at tighter control of output quotas and modest price changes, will do anything to stabilise the market.

They see no relief in the pressure on Britain to cut the official North Sea price of $28·65 a barrel.

North Sea prices continue to drift down before the markets closed for yesterday's holiday, although trade was almost nonexistent. Brent Oil, the main North Sea crude, was being quoted at more than $2 a barrel below its official price for delivery next month.

The British National Oil Corporation, the State trading body which handles the bulk of North Sea oil sales, is still waiting for Government clearance to switch to a free market-related price formula to reduce heavy trading losses.

Chapple to sit on crossbench

By GUY RAIS

MR FRANK CHAPPLE, former general secretary of the Electrical Trades Union, will not take the Labour Whip following his creation as a Life Peer.

He said yesterday that he would like to keep his Labour party membership. "But as yet I do not know if I will be called on to renounce it after I have taken my seat."

Mr Chapple, 63, a former Communist who helped to expose *Communist ballot rigging* in his union, said he was well aware of Left-wing criticism that followed acceptance of peerages by both himself and Mr Len Murray, 2, former general secretary of the T U C.

"Those people who criticise *my acceptance of a peerage* from a Tory government would have had no objection to my getting the Order of Lenin," he said.

Speaking from his home in West Malling, Kent, Mr Chapple said he would like to be known as Lord Chapple of Hoxton, the district in London's East End where he was born.

He saw the House of Lords as a platform for giving his views on trade unionism and other topics.

"There are many issues on which I would like to *speak my* mind. Some of the recent debates in the House of Lords have been more representative of the nation as a whole, than the Commons."

No doubts

Mr Murray, who resigned last September for health reasons after 11 years as T U C leader, spent New Year's Day with his wife, Heather, at their home in Loughton, Essex. He would not speculate on the title he would take.

Mr Murray *has no doubts* that he will be taking his seat on the Labour benches.

Asked if he expected criticism of his acceptance, Mr Murray replied: "They cannot find any new names for me. I have had all the eggs thrown at me in the past.

"Whatever has been said I look forward to meeting people in the House of Lords for whom I have an enormous respect."

Earned the right

Mr Bill Keys, general secretary of the print union Sogat, said that Mr Chapple had "worked hard" for his peerage. "He was unsupportive of the Labour and trade union movement and his whole attitude was one which was encouraging to the Government."

Mr Terry Duffy, engineering union leader, said both Mr Chapple and Mr Murray had earned the right to sit in the House of Lords. "They will be more au fait with industrial relations laws than anyone in the Lords."

Mr Bob Clay (Sunderland North) said: "There could not be a clearer demonstration of those who do their utmost to sell the union movement down the river, getting their rewards from the Establishment."

B R LOSE £200m AS RESULT OF PIT STRIKE

By Our Transport Correspondent

British Rail has now lost revenue of £200 million as a result of the pit strike, ensuring it will make a heavy loss on 1984 instead of "breaking even" as originally hoped.

Only part of the loss is due to reduced production of coal. The rest is because some railwaymen, encouraged by their unions, are refusing to shift coal being produced in Nottinghamshire and other areas.

*The outcome is that railway*men are putting their own jobs in jeopardy as road hauliers move vast amounts of coal to power stations and steelworks.

VILLAGE BATTLES

Iron bars and wooden staves were used by rival gangs of skinheads and rockers who fought pitched battles in the Nottinghamshire village of New Ollerton early yesterday. One youth suffered serious head *injuries.*

DRUMMER'S ARM OP

Rick Allen, drummer with the rock group Def Leppard, was still critical in the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, last night after an operation to re-attach his left arm, severed in a car crash.

£1m TEA DEAL

A £1 million contract to supply tea processing equipment in Istanbul has been won by Hambro Machinery, of Netherfield, Nottingham.

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The Pope delivering his New Year's Day address to thousands of pilgrims assembled in St Peter's Square, Rome.

French seamen blockade ports

DAILY TELEGRAPH REPORTER

THE Channel ports of Calais and Dunkirk were closed for the second day running yesterday as French seamen protested against proposed job cuts.

Sealink and Townsend Thoresen ferry services from Dover to Calais, and Sally Line ferries from Ramsgate to Dunkirk, were cancelled, and services are likely to be hit again today.

Boulogne was unaffected by the blockade. Motorists and coach passengers to the Continent suffered short delays as ferries were re-routed or space was found on services to alternative French ports.

But New Year's Day traffic was light, and a spokesman for Dover Harbour Board said: "Everyone is getting away."

The French blockade began on Monday when seamen commandeered the Sealink/SNCF ferry St Germain in Dunkirk, and used *it to block the* harbour entrance.

Talks today

The St Germain is at the heart of the dispute. The SNCF (Societe Nationale de Chemins de Fer) state railway operators propose to make her a freight-only ferry, leading to crew redundancies.

The crews of two S N C F ferries at Calais, the Cote de Jour and the Champs Elysee, joined the protest and used their ships to block the entrance to Calais docks.

Negotiations are expected to begin today. The R A C advised motorists to check with ferry operators before setting out for the Continent.

Bad weather yesterday halted Hoverspeed crossings to Calais and Boulogne from Dover; and two jetfoils from Dover to Ostend.

SOARING SHARES IGNORE FATE OF STERLING

By Our Financial Correspondent

The pound fell yet again to a new low against the dollar on *New Year's Eve, closing at* $1·1587. But share prices again ignored the fate of sterling, and the FINANCIAL TIMES 30 share index climbed a further 7·1 to end the year at another all-time peak of 952·3.

Over the past year the pound has fallen almost *30 cents* losing a little over 20 per cent. of its value against the dollar. Sterling's average value against all 18 other leading currencies equalled its previous closing low of 73·0 (1975=100) on Monday, a fall of 12 per cent. on the year.

Government stocks resisted the effects of a falling pound yesterday but the index ended the old year about 1¾ per cent. down from the beginning of 1984. The 30 share index rose 22·8 per cent. over the course of 1984 however, the second best performance among the world's leading stock markets.

KILLER IN CUSTODY GRABS JET

By IAN BALL in New York

A MAN convicted of murdering eight people at a golf club in the American Virgin Islands overpowered three guards escorting him to New York on Monday and forced the pilot of their DC-10 jet to fly to Havana.

Ishmael Ali LaBeet used a handgun which he collected on a visit to the lavatory. The weapon had apparently been planted there by an accomplice before the plane left St Croix.

The 185 passengers and 13 crew members of the American Airlines flight spent three hours in Havana before the jet was refuelled for the trip to New York.

Life terms

Passengers said LaBeet was taken into custody in Cuba. He was on his way to Lewisberg, Pennsylvania, where he is serving eight consecutive life terms for the 1972 murders.

He had been taken back to the Virgin Islands for proceedings in which he was awarded $12,000 (£10,340) in damages by a federal jury. He had claimed that his civil rights were violated when he was put in solitary confinement for 90 days in 1979 while appealing against his sentence.

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HUSBAND KILLED BY INTRUDERS

By T. A. SANDROCK
Crime Correspondent

A WEST END clothing manufacturer was shot dead by intruders at his home in The Bishop's Avenue, Hampstead, early yesterday.

Mr Aristos Constantinou, 40, was shot several times in front of his wife, Elena, after the couple had returned from a New Year's Eve party.

Police said last night that they believed two intruders had entered the house, Heath Lodge, before Mr and Mrs Constantinou had arrived home.

The couple's three children were not in the house at the time, *being cared for elsewhere* while their parents were out.

A distressed Mrs Constantinou, who is in her 20s, was under medical supervision last night and police were waiting to speak to her.

THOUSANDS IN DEMO OVER BHOPAL

By Our New Delhi Correspondent

Several thousand people from areas which suffered during the leakage of methyl isocyanate gas from the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal on Dec. 3, marched through New Delhi yesterday to protest against the State administration's reaction to their plight.

They denounced the State government for failing to provide adequate measures for the relief and rehabilitation of the poorer classes who lost relatives and breadwinners or who are unable to work because of sickness caused by exposure to gas.

The demonstrators said they had no food and could not even buy firewood to cook. More than 2,500 people were killed in the disaster, at least 50,000 were admitted to hospital, and 100,000 others needed medical treatment.

THREE ACCUSED OF BOMB PLOT

Three men accused of planning to cause an explosion in Britain were remanded in custody for three days by Liverpool magistrates yesterday.

Patrick Brazil, 34, of Belcamp Avenue, Dublin; William Grimes, 45, of Cherryfield Road, Dublin, and Peter Jordan, 60, of St Peter's Rise, Headley Walk, Bristol, were arrested in the city on Christmas Eve under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: N. or N.E. airstream covers all areas.

LONDON, S.E. & E. ENGLAND, E ANGLIA: Sunny spells, showers, wintry at times, prolonged in places later. Winds N., fresh or strong. Max. 41F (5C).

CEN. S. ENGLAND, MIDLANDS: Sunny spells, scattered wintry showers. Winds N., mod. or fresh. 41F (5C).

S.W. ENGLAND, WALES: Sunny spells. Winds N. light or mod. 45 (7C).

S. NORTH SEA, STRAIT OF DOVER: Winds N., 5 or 6-7. Sea mod. or rough.

ENG. CH. (E.): N. 5, decreasing 1-3. Mod., becoming smooth.

ST GEORGE'S CH., IRISH SEA: N. 1-3 or 4. Slight.

OUTLOOK: Cold, sunny spells, wintry showers — particularly in E.. Overnight frost.

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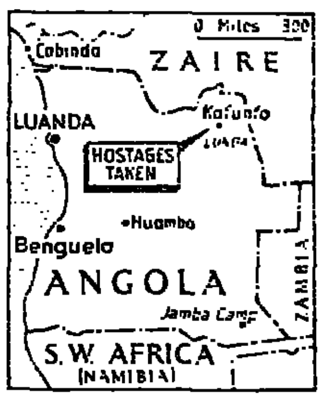
Three Britons face Angola bush march

By JAMES MacMANUS Diplomatic Staff

THREE Britons abducted by Unita guerrillas are among a group of foreign hostages who face a forced march of several hundred miles to rebel bases in the south of Angola.

The 22 prisoners, including two Americans and 17 Filipinos, were captured on Saturday during an attack on the diamond mining town of Kafunfo, in the remote north-east of the country near the border with Zaire.



Two other Britons were in the town when the guerrillas attacked it for the second time in 10 months. One managed to escape, and was later flown to safety in a nearby mining town by light aircraft.

The Foreign Office said last night that the fifth Briton, whose identity is not known, was unaccounted for.

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Mr Marrack Goulding, British ambassador in the Angolan capital of Luanda, spent yesterday trying to determine the whereabouts of the missing Briton and to find out what happened at Kafunfo.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, condemned the abductions but said that from experience it was unlikely that the captives would be harmed by the Union for the Total Independence of Angola.

'Great concern'

He said: "Civil war in Angola is not a justification for the taking of hostages by Unita or any other organisation. We have contacted the Unita representative in London to make clear our very great concern about the welfare of the British citizens."

In a statement from Lisbon, the guerrilla organisation said that during the attack on the town, an American Hercules transport aircraft owned by Transamerican airlines of California was mistaken by the *rebels for an Angolan airforce* plane and shot down.

The two American pilots and the British loadmaster were captured unhurt.

A State Department spokesman in Washington confirmed the capture of the two Americans, but said initial reports indicated that the plane and its crew had ben captured *after* landing at Kafunfo.

According to Unita, the guerrillas killed 150 government troops as they over-ran the town, then retreated into the bush.

Unita has been fighting the Cuban and Soviet-backed Angolan government since the country's indepedence from Portugal in 1975.

In a statement issued in Washington and signed by its leader, Dr Jonas Savimbi, with the dateline of Jamba, Southern Angola, the guerrilla movement explained its continuing attacks on foreign workers in Angola.

Economic targets

It said the capture of Kafufo was *another step in a series of* attacks on economic targets, such as oil installations, mineral mines, and communications facilities.

The guerrillas regarded the presence of foreign technicians in the country as support for the Luanda government by multinational companies.

The statement emphasised that the capture of foreign workers was another warning to companies to withdraw staff from Angola.

The three *captured Britons* were named by Unita as Mr Alan Michael, Mr Glen Foreman, and Mr Paul Huggins.

They are under contract to the London-based Mining and Technical Services company.

The Savimbi statement said they were being marched with the other prisoners to rebel bases in southern Angola, where they would eventually be released.

However, the statement caused confusion in London, *where the Foreign Office be-*

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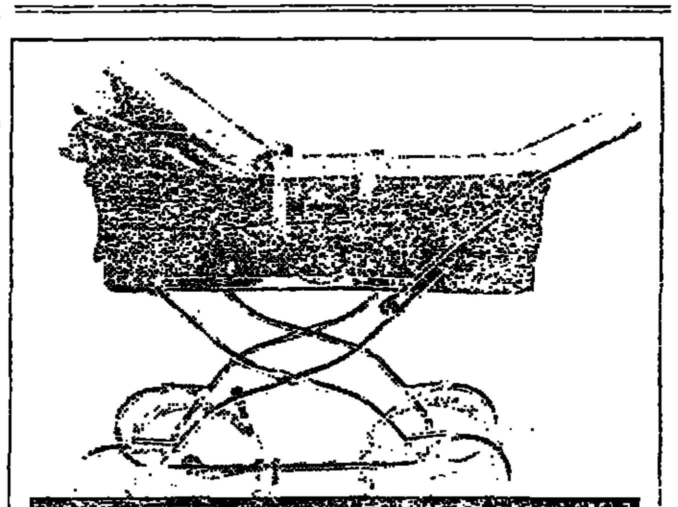
UNIONIST BARRED

By Our Belfast Correspondent

Mr George Seawright, 34, a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly and Belfast City Council, who advocated the "incineration" of Roman Catholics and their priests, has been formally expelled from the Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party after failing to withdraw the remarks.



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BRAKE ON PAY RISES 'WILL CREATE JOBS'

By FRANCES WILLIAMS Economics Correspondent

THE claim by Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, that lower pay deals will create more jobs is given qualified support in a new analysis by Cambridge Econometrics, the independent forecasting group.

The group suggests that a reduction in earnings growth of one per cent. a year could produce more than 200,000 extra jobs within three years and knock nearly 4½ per cent. off prices.

The impact on jobs is, if anything, more powerful than the Treasury assumed, says the group.

The group argues that the benefits for employment would be larger still if the Government relaxed money policy to prevent some of the gains being lost through appreciation of the exchange rate.

Its report says exhortation alone will not be enough to slow any pay rises. Instead it assumes that wage increases moderate because the Chancellor cuts income tax by 3p in the pound in the next Budget (more than Mr Lawson claims he can afford).

Purchasing power

This boosts workers' purchasing power without the need for higher wage increases, one of the arguments the Chancellor has put forward in his battle to convince Tory critics that income tax cuts rather than public works are the best way of creating jobs.

The group is, however, sceptical about the impact on jobs of actual reductions in wage levels.

A second set of calculations, based on its computer model of the economy, suggests that a 10 per cent. cut in average earnings in two key service industries, distribution and miscellaneous services, would produce practically no net jobs on balance.

An additional 350,000 jobs in services is almost entirely offset by lost jobs in manufacturing as the exchange rate rises.

The Chancellor has argued that "no-tech" low paid service jobs will be one of the principal sources of future employment, which implies lower average earnings overall.

But, the group's results show that the employment gains will be largely eroded without more expansionary Government policies to maintain demand in the economy and keep the exchange rate down.

TUC VOICES TAX FEAR ON PENSIONS

By Our Industrial Correspondent

CHANGES in tax arrangements will seriously undermine any future improvements in pension scheme benefits, the Trades Union Congress says today.

The TUC is to seek an urgent meeting with Ministers over reports that the Government is considering the withdrawal of tax relief on occupational pension schemes.

The statement said: "The Government's 1984 Finance Act withdrew tax relief on life assurance premiums.

"Withdrawing tax relief on occupational pension schemes is believed to be a revenue-raising option currently being considered by Mr Lawson, the Chancellor, for his 1985 Budget."

60-year history

This could involve, the TUC says, the taxation of lump sum benefits, investment income and contributions. It would substantially alter tax relief arrangements which have been available for pension schemes for 60 years.

"Current tax relief provisions are a vital part of the foundations of the 1975 Social Security Pensions Act and have assisted the growth in scheme membership in recent years to around 12 million people," the statement continues.

"The TUC will remind the Government that it has no mandate for such unilateral action which will damage the long-term interests of pensioners and weaken confidence in the present arrangements."

News round-up

'Predatory' BA air fare rejected

CHEAPER transatlantic winter fares, proposed by British Airways and British Caledonian have been approved by the Civil Aviation Authority with one exception—B A's late-saver return of £259 for last-minute travel on the London-New York route.

This rejection is the first public demonstration by the authority of its ability to control suspected predatory pricing, since the Government's October ruling that it needs no extra powers to prevent anti-competitive behaviour.

Mr Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic, claimed that the £259 fare was predatory when Pan American and Trans World Airlines followed B A's lead in setting it identically at just £1 over the cutprice airline's £258 return.

Cousins killed in car crash

Two cousins, Mary Joyce and Mary Madden, both 21, were killed yesterday when the car they were travelling in went over an embankment on Achill Island, Co. Mayo in the Irish Republic where they lived.

Three people were killed when their car smashed into a stone barn near Yeovil, Somerset, on New Year's Eve were named by police yesterday, as Erik Main, 25, of Beaminster, Dorset, Linda Bowler, 22, of South Petherton, Somerset, and Sharon Samson, 21, of Crewkerne, Somerset.

In Kent Mr Jose Luis Nunes, 30, of Rochester Road, Gravesend, died in a road accident early on New Year's Eve and in the evening a man was killed when his car was in collision with a bus in Sittingbourne.

Revellers' spray causes alarm

Police yesterday thanked the public for its behaviour in Trafalgar Square during the New Year's Eve celebrations, but expressed concern over a party aerosol spray which caused irritation to some people when it was squirted in their eyes.

Forty-eight people were taken to hospital with injuries, none serious, and over 70 arrests were made, mostly for drunkenness. The majority were cautioned only. An estimated 50,000 saw the New Year in in the square.

Policemen hurt

A policeman was kicked unconscious, and six others were injured during celebrations in Lincoln, where over £10,000 of damage was caused yesterday by revellers in a crowd of between 2,000 to 4,000 people in the city centre. Six people were charged, most with causing criminal damage.

A policeman wearing a clown's false nose being greeted by two girls in Trafalgar Square during the New Year celebrations.

Noisy morning

In the first five hours of the New Year, Hampshire police answered more than 100 calls to reported disputes and disturbances. Twenty-six people were arrested, there were nine cases of damage, and five woundings.

Body identified

The body of a six-year-old girl who was swept into the sea near St Oswald's Bay, Dorset, by a freak wave on Boxing Day has been identified by her mother as Kirsty Collins of Dawlish, Dorset.

M P's protest

Sir John Biggs-Davison, Tory M P for Epping Forest and a Roman Catholic, has protested to Mrs Thatcher over the Government's decision to appeal against the High Court ruling that girls under 16 should not be given contraceptives without parental consent.

Birthday baby

Miss Sara Keays, former mistress of Mr Cecil Parkinson, Tory M P for Hertsmere, celebrated the first birthday of their daughter Flora Elizabeth at her cottage in Marksbury, near Bath, on Monday.

Fire deaths inquest

An inquest into the deaths of nine people, including five children, in a house fire at Bury, Greater Manchester, on Christmas Day, was opened and adjourned.

Women lose home

Mrs Doris Little and Mrs Edith Ellaway, both pensioners, were made homeless when a fire spread through their house at East Hendred, Berks, early yesterday.

2 for drugs trial

Two Asians, charged after the record £4 million London heroin haul last October, were sent for trial at Southwark Crown Court. They are Shewaran Punjabi, 49, if Isleworth, West London, and Haji-Mohammed Makwana, 38, of Paddington.

Greenham party

"Peace" women spending their fourth winter camped outside the Greenham cruise missile base near Newbury, Berks, lit celebration bonfires and sang to welcome the New Year.

60 fans arrrested

About 60 football fans were arrested at the traditional "old firm" match between Glasgow Rangers and Celtic at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, yesterday. Police said the figure was lower than usual for the game which Celtic won 2-1.

Maze visiting

Normal visiting by relatives to the Maze Prison, Co. Antrim, resumed yesterday after a day's suspension because of a search for hidden weapons or escape material in areas where terrorists are held.

Post Office to get tough with unions on new technology

By ROLAND GRIBBEN Business Correspondent

THE Post Office is set to take a tougher line to achieve changes in working practices to improve services and productivity and head off the prospect of sharp rises in prices.

The Union of Communication Workers, the main Post Office union, has been warned that the changes will be introduced unilaterally after the breakdown of talks.

But senior managers have said that they will wait until the union holds a special conference in March before deciding on the next move.

The planned changes have been spelled out by Sir Ronald Dearing, chairman, in a report to Mr Tebbit, Trade and Industry Secretary after a critical Monopolies and Mergers' Commission report on the Post Office.

Sir Ronald just beat an end of year deadline in presenting his replies to 78 recommendations for changes.

The commission said that the Post Office had only a "few years" to put its house in order, reduce union resistance to new technology and improve services otherwise it would be unable to meet competition from other forms of communication.

Make savings

The Post Office says that the proposed changes put to the union would produce substantial savings and provide extra savings as well as job security and speed up technological change.

It wants voluntary productivity deals to be made mandatory, an increase in the number of part-time workers, a further cut in overtime, an extension of mail mechanisation sorting and a new technology deal on electronic mail.

In return, the union is being offered a no compulsory redundancy agreement and a further share in savings in productivity deals. Only 60 per cent. of the Post Office staff are covered by the deals which are producing savings of £30 million a year.

The union leadership is seeking a mandate from the special March conference to negotiate with the Post Office on an overall package rather than be tied by earlier decisions which have limited the room for manoeuvre.

The union is pressing for a three hour cut in the working week, at present averaging 39·5 hours.

HEFFER ATTACKS KINNOCK

By Our Political Staff

MR KINNOCK was criticised again yesterday for his failure to show full support to the miners in their 10-month-old strike.

The latest attack on the Labour leader has come from Mr Eric Heffer, former Labour chairman, who was ousted from Mr Kinnock's front-bench team last autumn.

In a New Year message to the party leadership, he said that the movement should not hide itself away in the face of the political enemy.

Mr Heffer said: "Labour must fight back decisively and courageously. Trying to hide away in the face of the political enemy only makes them bolder.

"That is why we must not shrink from giving all-out support to the miners, who are fighting for the entire trade union and Labour movement."

Mr Heffer is prominent in the group of Left-wing Labour M Ps who dislike Mr Kinnock's style of leadership and are particularly scornful of his attitude towards the miners during the strike.

Nicaragua visit

Although Mr Kinnock has said he is willing to go on a picket-line, he is yet to fulfil that promise and now seems unlikely to do so until after his return from an official visit to Nicaragua next week.

He leaves on Sunday and will be away for the start of the new Parliamentary session next Wednesday.

In his message, Mr Heffer recalled the words of Aneurin Bevan, "Parliamentary institutions have not been destroyed because the Left was too vigorous—they have been destroyed because the Left was too inert."

He went on, "In 1985 the trade unions and Labour movement must step up its fight against the Government. It is essential that we recognise that whatever we do to create a nice image our political enemies will not be satisfied."

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Queen 275 x 260cm		£55	£27.50
Valances or Fitted sheets: Single 90 x 190cm		£29	£14.50
Double 135 x 190cm		£35	£17.50
Queen 150 x 200cm		£40	£20
King 180 x 200cm		£45	£22.50
Pillowcase Housewife 50 x 75cm	Pair	£23.95	£11.95
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Queen 275 x 260cm		£55	£27.50
Duvet Covers: Single 135 x 220cm		£55	£27.50
Double 200 x 220cm		£75	£37.50
Queen 230 x 220cm		£85	£42.50
Comforters: Single 170 x 215cm		£125	£62.50
Double 215 x 215cm		£175	£87.50
Queen 254 x 215cm		£195	£97.50
Pillow Sham 50 x 75cm		£24	£12
Pillowcase: 50 x 75cm	Pair	£25	£12.50

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Queen 275 x 260cm		£39.50	£19.75
Valances or Fitted Sheets: Single 90 x 190cm		£19.50	£9.75
Double 135 x 190cm		£27.50	£13.75
Queen 150 x 200cm		£29.50	£14.75
King 180 x 200cm		£32.50	£16.25
Duvet Covers: Single 135 x 220cm		£39	£19.50
Double 200 x 220cm		£55	£27.50
Queen 230 x 220cm		£65	£32.50
King 260 x 220cm		£75	£37.50
Pillow Sham 50 x 66cm		£12.95	£6.45
Pillowcase 50 x 75cm	Pair	£12.95	£6.45
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Double 215 x 215cm		£125	£62.50
Queen 254 x 215cm		£145	£72.50
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Bath Sheet 91 x 178cm	£39.50	£19.75
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Face 33 x 33cm	£2	£1
Guest 30 x 50cm	£3	£1.50
Hand 50 x 80cm	£6	£3
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'HERO' WHO SHOT MUGGERS SURRENDERS

By IAN BALL in New York

NEW YORK'S "subway vigilante," a man, aged 38, who became a hero in the eyes of many people over Christmas when he shot four teenage muggers on an underground train, surrendered yesterday on four charges of attempted murder.

Bernhard Hugo Goetz, an electronics specialist, who has battled crime in his Greenwich Village neighbourhood since he was mugged for the first time four years ago, gave himself up at a police station in Concord, New Hampshire.

He has yet to be returned to New York. If the time and place of his return are made known in advance, thousands of people almost certainly would be prepared to take to the streets to give him a triumphal home-coming.

A wave of support for the gunman continues, despite the fact that one of the would-be muggers, a black youth, aged 19, will be paralysed for life as a result of a bullet wound. All four were gunned down, two hit in the front, two in the back as they fled.

Hundreds of callers to a police "hotline"—established to collect clues to help police in their hunt for the gunman—telephoned simply to commend the "subway vigilante" for his "practical" response to a hold-up attempt. Some have urged him to run for mayor.

Since his surrender, offers of free legal aid and other support have flooded in. Perhaps the biggest surprise was an offer from the Congress of Racial Equality, civil-rights group, to foot the gunman's legal costs.

Asked for cigarette

Police have said that three of the four alleged muggers were carrying sharpened screwdrivers at the time they were shot. All had police records.

Witnesses said the four had singled out Goetz, slight and bespectacled, in an underground train filled with pre-Christmas shoppers. The scene was not all that uncommon to those New Yorkers who spend an uncomfortable hour or so each day on the city's dirty, antiquated and dangerous subway system.

The youths crowded around Goetz, asking first for the time, then for a cigarette and finally for five dollars.

"Yes, I've got five dollars for each of you," Goetz apparently told the youths. Then, he pulled out a silver-plated ·38 pistol and shot them each once.

After helping a terrified woman off the train he chatted briefly with the conductor, jumped off and disappeared into a tunnel.

As police arrived to question and treat the four wounded teenagers, many of the stranded passengers, blacks among them, were cheering the departed vigilante. Some talked of the handgun Goetz had produced so dramatically not as a pistol but as an "equaliser."

Binding limits

It turned out to be an illegal weapon. After Goetz had previously been mugged he had applied for a permit to carry a gun. His request was rejected.

"He really failed to show any need that was sufficient," said a police spokesman.

Meanwhile, a commentary yesterday by Mr Patrick Buchanan, a syndicated conservative columnist, seemed to reflect the views of many New Yorkers.

"Where in law or morality are criminal aggressors given some right to set down binding limits on the weapons of defence their victims may use?" he wrote in the NEW YORK POST.

"Is it not altogether beneficial that future shake-down artists will board those trains in the knowledge that possibly, just possibly, they, not their intended victims, may end the evening lying on the subway's floor, bleeding and screaming for help?"

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'Anti-terror' Christmas for drunken Irishmen

By JOHN WILLIAMS

TWO drunken Irishmen who tried to stow away on a Dublin-bound ferry on Christmas Eve were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and spent the holiday in custody, Mr STEPHEN RALPH, their solicitor, told Liverpool magistrates.

JAMES McCORMACK, 44, and HENRY BISHOP, 51, were each fined £150 after admitting giving false information to anti-terrorist officers.

Mr Ralph told the court that McCormack, of Cromcastle Avenue, Dublin, had gone Christmas shopping in Liverpool then met Bishop, of Irvine Street, Edge Hill, Liverpool—and they spent McCormack's return fare on drink.

They were challenged by Special Branch officers as they sought to board the ferry, and both gave false names.

Behaved stupidly

"Because they were drunk and behaved stupidly, they found themselves arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, and spent Christmas in custody," said Mr Ralph.

Mr HUGH WALLACE, prosecuting, said that at first the pair claimed they were crewmen on the B. & I. ferry Leinster, with McCormack saying his name was Patrick Brazil and Bishop giving his name as Jimmy Young.

Another man detained on Christmas Eve for questioning, under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, was released after seven days and returned to the Irish Republic.

Inquiry call

Miss Harriet Harman, Labour MP for Peckham, said yesterday: "There has been an abuse of the Act. "I want to know why this Act, with its exceptional powers, was used against two men whom the police acknowledge have no connection with terrorism."

Miss Harman said she was asking the Home Secretary and the Attorney-General for an inquiry.

Mr Martin Flannery, chairman of Labour's Northern Ireland committee, and MP for Sheffield, Hillsborough, also called for an inquiry.

BEST MAY PLAY FOR JAIL TEAM

By GUY RAIS

GEORGE BEST, the footballer jailed last month on a drink-driving charge may soon be playing soccer—for his prison team.

Best, who was jailed for 12 weeks, is being moved from Pentonville to Ford open prison near Arundel, West Sussex, today.

The prison team, Ford United, play in the second division of the West Sussex League.

The prison's physical training officer, Mr Malcolm Holman, said yesterday: "Best will have to take the same chance as any other newly-arrived prisoner of getting into the team.

"Players are not chosen unless they are willing to do exercises and football training twice a week."

Away games

For "home" matches, the prison XI uses a pitch near the jail.

It travels by coach with prison officers to its away games.

Mr William McMurdo, Best's manager, who visited him in Pentonville 10 days ago, said Best had not requested the move.

He was settling in well in prison, and had been accepted by the other prisoners. Best was co-operating fully with the authorities and hoped to earn his full remission and be released by Feb. 10.

'WRONG HOUSE' RAID INQUIRY

A senior police officer is to be appointed by Mr Charles Kelly, Staffordshire Chief Constable, to investigate allegations that police staged an "S A S-style raid" on the wrong house in Stafford.

Mrs Ida Burgess, 49, claimed that eight policemen smashed windows and broke down a garden gate as they stormed her house in Weston Road at midnight and that officers admitted later that it was a case of mistaken identity.

RUINS SOLD FOR £1

Ruins of the 12th century church of St James at Kings Lynn, Norfolk, are to be bought by West Norfolk Council for £1 to preserve them as an historic monument.

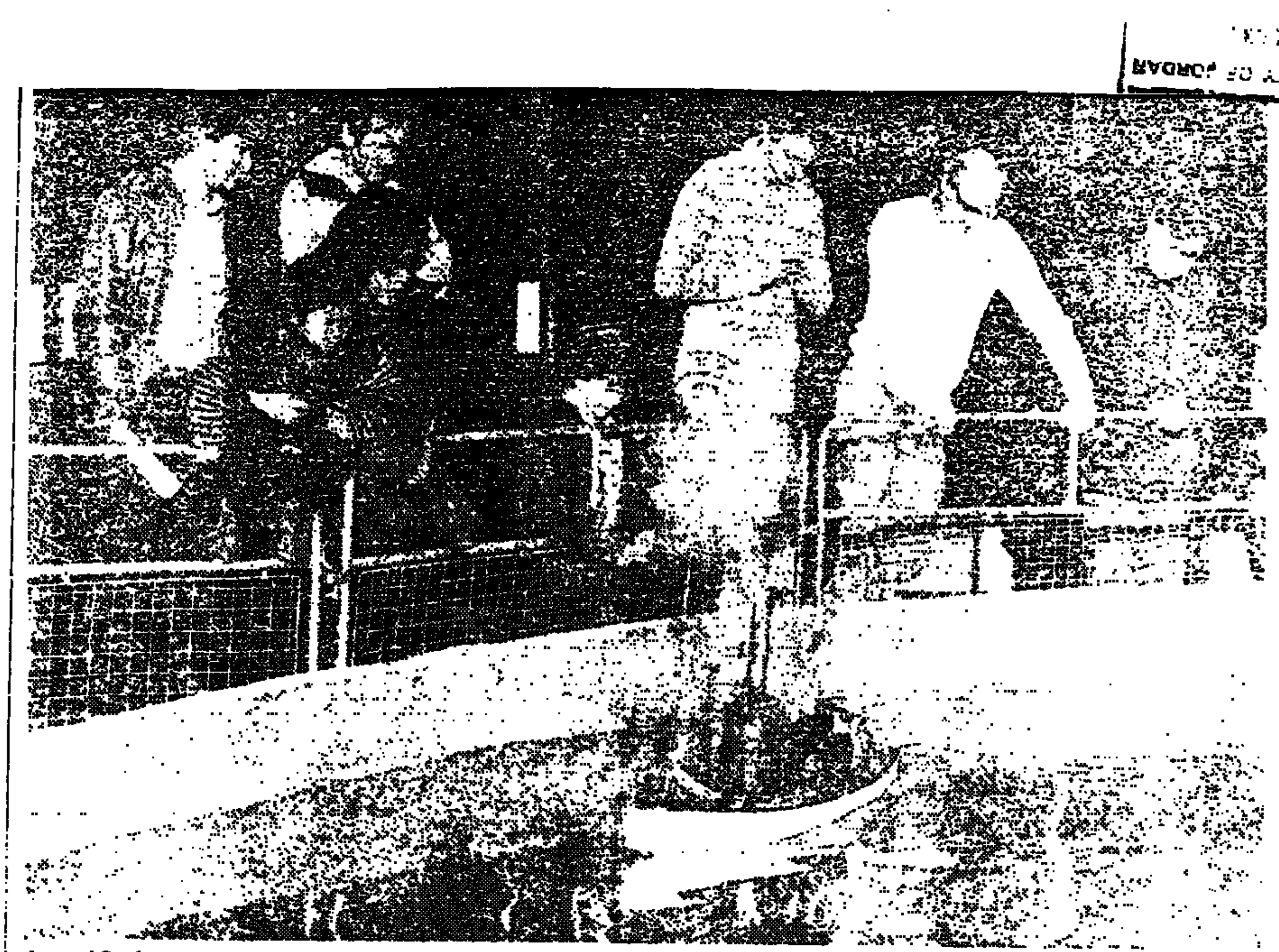
BBC MAN'S WILL

The Marquess of Aberdeen, known to radio lisetners as Archie Gordon, B B C producer and parliamentary lobby correspondent, who died in September aged 71, left £270,898 gross (£265,980 net) in his will published yesterday.

Latest Wills—P8

PENSIONER CHARGED

A pensioner aged 73, was charged yesterday with murdering his 54-year-old wife earlier in the day by stabbing her to death at their mobile home in Langley, near Hythe, Hants. The man, who was not named, will appear in court at Hythe today.



A coal-fired steam pinnace watched by enthusiasts yesterday at the 54th Model Engineer Exhibition at Wembley Conference Centre. One feature was a working model space station.

PICTURE KENNETH MASON

Mini-pill aids Third World prawn farms

By JOHN WILLIAMS

TEN years' research in Wales has produced a micro-capsule which is expected to increase Third World exports by helping king prawn farmers.

Dr David Jones, a senior lecturer in Bangor University marine science laboratories at Menai Bridge, has produced in a capsule a diet which will help larvae to develop into King prawns.

The prawns, farmed throughout tropical countries, have larvae which are herbivorous on hatching but become carnivorous within seven days. This creates problems in keeping stocks of both kinds of food.

Dr Jones's research has produced a capsule only a quarter of a millimetre across which contains all the nutrients prawn larvae need to grow into shellfish for the table.

Trials successful

Commercial trials in the tropics have shown the capsules to be even more successful than laboratory work suggested.

It is expected that as a result of the capsules Third World countries where the prawns are farmed will be able to increase production to increase exports.

Meanwhile, the reseach team's micro-capsule techniques have been adopted in several other fields, including cancer research and making poison bait for crop protection.

Dr Jones also plans to investigate using the capsules in fish farms and lobster cultivation.

WORST YEAR FOR BUSINESS FAILURES

Last year was the worst year on record for business failures, according to a survey published yesterday. The total number of company liquidations in England and Wales in 1984 was 13,647, an increase of 9·5 per cent. on 1983 and 22 per cent on 1982.

Bankruptcies among firms and individuals rose by 17·7 per cent., to more than 8,000, said the business information company Dun and Bradstreet.

Retailing, the motor trade, building, engineering and textiles were the worst hit industries with London, the South-East, the North-West and the North-East accounting for more than 70 per cent. of total liquidations.

SHIPPING DEBTS

Problem for banks

OUR SHIPPING CORRESPONDENT writes: Banks are now owed more than £30,000 million by shipowners, it is estimated by Mr Michael Revell, shipping director of Marine Midland Bank.

And with a rising number of shipping companies forced into liquidation, more and more banks are finding themselves owners of unwanted ships with little market value. "In terms of shipping bankruptcies, 1984 will be the worst year in memory," he said.

TWO ACCUSED OVER RAID ON DUKE'S GRAVE

Two unemployed men were remanded in custody until tomorrow by Northavon magistrates on Monday on charges concerning the desecration of the 10th Duke of Beaufort's grave at Badminton, Avon, over Christmas.

Terence Helsby, 21, of White Hart Lane, Tottenham, and John Curtin, 21, of Kingsland Avenue, Coventry, are jointly accused of stealing a wooden cross and causing £100 damage by daubing paint on the church and boundary walls at Badminton.

No application for bail was made. Two other men and a woman were detained by police investigating damage to the grave. One man was freed unconditionally and the others were released on police bail.

Salt content in bread may be cut

By ROLAND GRIBBEN
Business Correspondent

BAKERS are examining ways to cut the salt content in bread as a contribution to reducing the risk of high blood pressure and heart attacks, according to a report from the Federation of Master Bakers.

This follows a Health Department report expressing concern at the high level of salt being consumed and its relationship with hypertension.

Bread accounts for a fifth of the daily salt intake while table salt added to meals is responsible for a third.

"To single out bread from the diet as a means of reducing salt when such large quantities are added to other food and at the table would be unreasonable," says the federation.

It points out that while the scientific evidence to support the link between salt and hypertension is "no more than circumstantial" bakers are looking at the problem.

But it says that care is being taken to avoid making bread less popular "particularly at a time when it is being recommended as a very healthy food which should be eaten in greater quantities."

Consumption has dropped by almost 45 per cent. in just under 30 years but the rate of decline is slowing with the help of medical advice and emphasis on bread's nutritional value.

Average consumption has fallen from 56oz per head of population in 1954 to just under 31oz in 1983 although total demand is still running at around 10 million large loaves a day.

The emphasis on bread's nutritional value has increased demand for brown and wholemeal varieties.

White bread's share has fallen from 85 per cent. in 1969 to around 70 per cent. But new surveys showing that its dietary fibre content is greater than previously thought have slowed the decline.

The Federation says: "As a source of protein, bread per unit cost supplies more than any other food.

"Along with breakfast cereals it contains more thiamin than any other food, as a source of iron it is second only to liver and as a source of calcium only milk and cheese are higher."

INQUEST ON BABY KILLED BY DOG

An inquest is to open this week on the death of nine-month old Dean Rankin, who was savaged by the family alsatian dog at his home in Parkhills Road, Bury, Greater Manchester.

The parents were interviewed by police, who said a report would be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions. The one-year-old dog has been destroyed.

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TENG SEEKS TO CALM HIS OLD COMRADES

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

TENG HSIAO-PING, China's 80-year-old leader, attempted yesterday to calm what appears to be growing internal apprehension that he may be losing sight of the Marxist tenets on which the state was founded.

In a message to the masses, underlined in scarlet in the PEOPLE'S DAILY, he specifically addressed "old comrades," the revolutionary fighters who followed Mao Tse-tung on the legendary "long march" and its aftermath, the 1949 Communist take-over.

"I think some old comrades fear that after they fought all their lives for Socialism, for Communism, suddenly capitalism is coming back. They can't bear it, they are afraid."

Teng urged them not to worry as "any bad ideological influences" from the West "could be dealt with."

He stressed that there would be no easing of the anti-crime drive, a ferocious campaign that has led to thousands of summary executions.

He also explained that an open door to the world was essential if China was to modernise. He recalled the 300 years of isolationism from the middle of the Ming dynasty to the opium wars—years of "poverty, backwardness and ignorance."

Little progress

After the founding of the Peoples Republic, China followed an open policy, but only towards the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, he said. With the departure of the Russians, China "closed its door and had not made much progress after that."

He continued: "If we don't open and we return to a closed self-reliance then we will never catch up with the level of the developed countries within 50 years. It is impossible."

Teng's words were carried by all major newspapers as well as the New China news agency.

In addition, a second book of his political philosphy, "Building socialism with Chinese characteristics," was published yesterday. Publicity stressed his view that Marxism was superior to Capitalism.

The sudden welter of Tengism was unusually large, although Western diplomats were reluctant to read too much into the volume, tending to play down any notion that he may be under pressure from ultra-Leftist opponents among the old guard.

Meanwhile the Chinese Prime Minister, Zhao Ziyang, announced yesterday that the state would end its 30-year-old monopoly on buying and selling major agricultural products this year.

"This is what we have hoped but dared not do for many years. Now we are able to do it as conditions are ripe," Zhao was quoted as saying by the New China news agency.

Addressing a New Year gathering of 300 Chinese public figures he described it as the second major move in the reform of China's agriculture since the introduction of highly successful changes five years ago.

Under the agricultural reforms Teng dismantled Mao's rural communes and replaced collectivised farming with a contract system under which families were responsible for their own land.

But the state still set overall production targets for key crops, such as wheat and rice, and was the sole purchaser and wholesale seller.

Zhao said the state would now end this monopoly and adopt a more flexible approach towards marketing, although the government would maintain a central role.

Zhao did not spell out what agricultural products were affected or exactly when the move would take effect. But he described them as major crops and said that in general it would not cause price rises.

COPTIC POPE TO BE RELEASED

By Our Cairo Correspondent

President Mubarak of Egypt yesterday ordered the release of Coptic Pope Shenuda III, who was banished to a desert monastery in September, 1981, for allegedly stirring up sectarian violence between Christians and Muslems.

Shenuda, who acts as spiritual leader to six million Copts in Egypt, and many more in the United States and elsewhere, is the last of the 1,600 political and religious detainees, imprisoned by President Sadat in the month before his assassination, to obtain his freedom.

NIGERIA FREES 2,500

Nigeria's leader, Mohammed Buhari yesterday freed more than 2,500 prisoners, including 144 political detainees, to mark the first anniversary of the military's return to power. Prison authorities say that jails built for 23,000 convicts are chronically overcrowded with more than 50,000 inmates.

BERLIN BLAZE

Fires swept through a large West Berlin shopping complex and a historic Bavarian town hall in Kitzingen early yesterday causing thousands of pounds worth of damage but no injuries. The Tegel centre blaze was one of Berlin's worst in recent years.—A P.

Chinese cut time for noon naps

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

ONE of China's most-important and satisfying rituals, the *xiuxi* or long mid-day nap, ends today.

In a daring move, the government has cut the official lunch break to one hour, making it impossible, officials hope, for workers to slumber.

Just how the masses will react is uncertain. Until now, practically the whole country has slept at noon.

Xiuxi eminated from the ancient and natural rhythms of peasant life, with people rising early to labour hard before taking a noon snooze.

After the 1949 take-over, the Communists enthusiastically embraced it as an accomplishment of Socialism in an industrial society, even ensringing the *xiuxi* in Article 49 of the constitution.

Over the years it has become so much a part of Chinese life that workers often eat their lunchtime bowl of noodles in office time before 12 noon, then take a siesta for two hours in the winter, and even longer in the summer.

Office beds

Many people, most of them high-powered cadres, have beds specially installed in their offices for the break. Others take their own bed-rolls.

Flights of C A A C, the national airline, have even been scheduled to allow the crew their *xiuxi*.

A State Council official said it was hindering China's economic development and contacts with foreign countries.

Western diplomats also see the reduced *xiuxi* as a way of shaking up indolent elements of society, who are sometimes so sleepy after the break that they nod off again during the afternoon.

MILITIAS IN 5-hr LEBANON GUN BATTLE

By Our Beirut Correspondent

Lebanon welcomed the New Year with a five-hour artillery battle between Christian and Druze militias around Beirut, but officials said preparations were well under way for the phased implementation today of a much-delayed security plan for Southern Lebanon.

As a first step, units of the factionally-accepted Lebanese police will deploy in two or three points along the coastal highway from Beirut to the Israeli occupation lines at the Awali River.

The fighting yesterday was confined to the countryside, but artillery shells hit residential neighbourhoods of suburban Beirut and a string of nearby Christian and Druze villages. One person was killed and many wounded.

EX-FRANCO MAN SHOT DEAD

By Our Madrid Correspondent

Basque separatist terrorists have killed Jose Larranga, 58, a former Franco official in San Sebastian at the third attempt. After the previous attempts he moved from the Basque country to Rioja but was visiting friends when shot on Monday.

Larranga, who was formerly the local head of the extreme Right-wing Movimiento, the only political organisation permitted under Franco, was the 45th and last victim to die as a result of Basque political violence in 1984.

RUSSIAN MiGs IN VIETNAM

Russia has boosted its air power over south-east Asia by stationing 14 Mig-23 fighters at Cam Ranh Bay base in Vietnam.

In November Russia increased its TU-16 medium bomber fleet at Cam Ranh Bay to 16.—Reuter.

Former King Constantine of Greece (third from right) and King Juan Carlos of Spain (fifth from right) pause with their families during a ski-ing holiday in Aspen, Colorado.

Israeli banks accused of share manipulation

By MAJER ASHER in Jerusalem

THE Israeli State Controller, Mr Yidzhak Tunik, has placed the blame for the collapse of the country's Stock Exchange on illegal share manipulation by major banks.

The long-awaited report by Mr Tunik accuses the big commercial banks, which for years had been controlling the prices of their own shares, of practices that may make their managements culpable of fraud.

The report, on the abuse of £6,000 million of savings of hundreds of thousands of Israelis, is the harshest ever from the State Controller's office.

It censures the Treasury, the Bank) and the Stock Exchange Bank' and the Stock Exchange for having tacitly and explicitly acquiesced in "manipulative regulation" of the bank shares. It rejects the claim by the banks that this acquiescence legitimised the commercial banks' practices.

Innocence claimed

A number of senior Cabinet ministers yesterday demanded the resignation of the Governor of the Bank of Israel and of heads of the commercial banks which, according to the report, "made money out of thin air" by issuing shares at will and fixing their prices at public's expense.

Officials of the Treasury, the Bank of Israel and the Stock Exchange, accused in the report of remaining inactive in the face of the banks' activities, claimed innocence, either placing the blame on politicians or on each other.

Before the bank shares crashed in October, 1983, their market value had been pushed up to nearly three times the value of the banks' entire capital, with the real yield of the shares jumping to more than 10 times the net return of their capital.

The manipulation of the banks' shares for nearly seven years raised their prices even when the public, alarmed by the swelling bubble of profits, began to offer the shares for sale. The process ended when after a selling wave, bankers were forced to buy about £1,000 million of their own shares.

This exhausted the banks' financial reserves and wiped out all the capital they had mobilised

The report says the Government was forced to step in, undertaking to redeem the outstanding bank shares at their October 1983 value.

Thus the Government increased the country's internal debt by £6,000 million.

SALVADOR RADIO BASES SEIZED

By MARK FAZLOLLAH in San Salvador

LEFT-wing guerrillas from a tiny rebel splinter group seized six radio stations in San Salvador, forcing them to broadcast New Year propaganda messages.

Employees of the stations said heavily armed men broke into their offices and forced them to transmit a 30-minute message from the Clara Elizabeth Ramirez Front, which broke from the main guerrilla movement a year ago.

The message criticised the government for "creating false hopes for peace" through negotiations with the main guerrilla force, which is believed to have about 10,000 men in its ranks. The splinter group has about 100 armed members.

The Ramirez Front guerrillas were able to flee before security forces arrived and there was no fighting.

Five captured

But in a separte incident, government troops claimed they killed five guerrillas in the far eastern town of Poloros during the first reported violation of a New Year's truce.

One guerrilla and four civilians were captured when the army suprised the rebels, who were holding a public propaganda session in the twon square.

Guerrillas had declared a unilateral 72-hour ceasefire, the second during the past week. It was not clear if the newest truce had been broken in other areas.

3 BEATEN TO DEATH

At least three Bangladesh nationals have been beaten to death by an angry crowd in India's northern state of Punjab, the Press Trust of India reported yesterday. It said local villagers mistook them for Pakistani intruders.—Reuter.

VATICAN SILENT ON POLES

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

THE plainly embarrassed Vatican has continued to give short shrift over the holiday period to the Polish trial of security officers accussed of murdering Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko.

Not a word about the sensational case has been carried in the last two editions of its official daily newspaper, L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO.

And in his New Year speech to thousands of pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square the Polish-born Pope diplomatically refrained from mentioning the Warsaw trial.

A Vatican source explained later: "Obviously the Holy Father does not want to be seen to be meddling in Poland's internal affairs at this very delicate moment although he has the destiny of his fellow countrymen constantly close to his heart.

'Playing it cool'

Another reason for the Holy See's constant down playing of the case is a widespread feeling of disquiet about the priest's pro-Solidarity activities. "Our cautious approach should not surprise anyone. We are just playing it cool," said one official.

In sharp contrast the Vatican is keeping up its crusade against religious persecution in other East Bloc countries. The latest example is a protest by the Franciscan order against the resumed persecution of our brothers" in Czechoslovakia.

President's promise

President Jablowski of Poland said in his New Year message to the nation that the three secret police who murdered Fr Popieluszko would receive the "punishment they deserve." Their trial resumes today.—U P I.

Keep up to mark or face sack, Gandhi tells his ministers

By DAVID GRAVES in New Delhi

INDIA entered the New Year with a fresh Council of Ministers and Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) party capturing a record 400 of the 508 seats in the recent election.

And he told the 39-member council that ministers who did not "come up to the mark" would be dropped.

The 40-year-old Prime Minister added that the performance of all ministers would be strictly observed to ensure an efficient and honest government.

In an address to his Parliamentary party he declared: "Let us dedicate ourselves to the task of making this nation clean, strong and efficient."

During the previous 12 months the country had seen Sikh extremism in the Punjab wiped out by the Army, the assassination of his mother and the subsequent days of bloody anti-Sikh riots in which more than 1,000 people were killed.

Now India had to be prepared to usher in the 21st century with the development of science and technology creating speedier government decision making.

Old and new

In his new-look Council of Ministers, in which he sought to blend old and new faces, he dropped three senior ministers from the 15-member Cabinet. Two others lost their seats in the election.

The axed ministers were Mr Pranab Mukherjee, finance; Mr Abdul Ghani Choudhruy, railways, and Mr Jagannath Kaushal, law.

Commentators saw the dropping of Mr Mukherjee as the most striking feature because he had always been regarded as Mrs Gandhi's "number two" before her assassination. His exclusion was regarded as an attempt by her son to assert his own authority.

The new Cabinet ministers are Mr Abdul Gaffoor, works and housing; Mr Ashok Sen, law and justice; Mr K. C. Pant, education; Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, finance and Mr Bansi Lal, railways.

12 portfolios

Mr Gandhi himself retained 12 portfolios, including external affairs, industry, commerce, scientific affairs, tourism and civil aviation, which indicated a plan to expand his Cabinet in the near future.

It is the first time since independence that the Prime Minister has retained the industry and commerce portfolios and observers feels this shows the vast importance Mr Gandhi attaches to the roles.

The other Cabinet Ministers are: Mr S. B. Chavan, Home; Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, defence; Mr Vasant Sathe, steel, mines and coal; Mr Veerendra Patil, chemicals and fertilisers; Mr Rao Birendra Singh, food and civil supplies; Mrs Mohsina Kidwai, health and family welfare; Mr H. K. L. Bhaghat, Parliamentary affairs; Mr Buta Singh, agriculture and rural development and Mr B. Shankaranand, irrigation and power.

Twenty-five Ministers of State were also sworn in by President Zail Singh to complete Mr Gandhi's government.

As well as the three axed Cabinet ministers 22 other members of his former administration did not find a place in the new Council of Ministers. The third tier of deputy minsters was scrapped.

February start

The first sitting of the new Parliament will be in the third week of February.

With one remaining seat to be declared the Congress(I) has won 400 of the 508 seats and the second largest party is the Telugu Desam, a regional group from Andhra Pradesh which managed to halt the Congress(I) tide in the southern state.

Five more constituencies where polling was postponed will vote on Jan. 25 and two more in snow-clad Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh will go to the polls in June.

There was no election for 27 seats in the troubled states of Assam and the Punjab, although elections may be held there in the summer.

OLD STYLE DROPPED

Premier's tough line

BALRAM TANDON in New Delhi reports: The first decisions taken by Mr Gandhi have shown that he has the capacity to break easily from the style, inhibitions and prejudices which often forced his mother into long spells of dawdling and indecision.

His move to form a new ministry and have it sworn in within barely two days of the results of the elections marked a departure from the practice followed by Mrs Indira Gandhi from the day in January, 1966, when she was first called to be Prime Minister.

Mr Gandhi comes out as capable of taking hard decisions to break with the prejudices of his mother in a study of those he has dropped and others whom he has added.

And he made one particularly shrewd political move in inducting two of his close confidants in the Congress party, Mr Arun Nehru and Mr Arun Singh, into the government.

Mr Nehru, a cousin, and Mr Singh, a former school mate, were both executives in British firms until they were called by Mr Gandhi on his entry into politics. Both became well known as trouble shooters and advisers on party matters.

Among favourites of his mother whom the Prime Minister has dropped are Mrs Sheila Kaul, Mrs Gandhi's aunt whose presence could have been an embarrassment and Mr Bhagwat Jha Azad, whom Mrs Gandhi retained for years in spite of criticism.

South Africans face bleak year

By Christopher Munnion in Johannesburg

AS A YEAR of biting economic recession in South Africa comes to an end, the country has been warned by its leading bankers and economists to expect an even bleaker 1985 and attendant political upheavals.

Rampant inflation, unemployment, a slithering gold price, high interest rates, a depreciating Rand, the effects of drought and the flexing of political muscle by fledgling black trade unions are only some of the problems confronting the government of President P. W. Botha.

The recession has already forced hundreds of small businesses into liquidation and larger industries, like the vehicle assembly plants, to lay off thousands of black workers.

13·3 p.c. inflation

Economists fear the swelling ranks of black unemployed will lead inevitably to a sharp increase in crime and open up the possibility of revolutionary ferment among the burgeoning black middle class.

Many black townships in the Transvaal and the Eastern Cape have still to recover from four months of sporadic unrest caused mainly by sharp increases in rents and service charges.

The Central Statistical Services disclosed in Pretoria this week that the inflation rate had risen to 13·3 per cent, the highest for 20 months.

Notice has already been served that many consumer prices and the cost of petrol and electricity will be increased early in the New Year.

The depreciation of the Rand against the major Western currencies, particularly the Dollar, obliged thousands of white South Africans to cancel their annual holiday abroad and to forego imported luxury goods to which they had become accustomed in three years of a mini-boom.

The impact of a depressed gold price on the South African economy is immense and wide-ranging.

Spiralling interest rates have also brought home the harsh realities to the South African consumer, householder and businessman. Bankers were recently forced to increase their prime lending rate to 24 per cent, only weeks after decreasing the rate by two per cent.

The average householder is now paying about 20 per cent. on mortgage repayments, while the sales of household goods normally acquired on hire-purchase agreements have plummeted

Reagan's tough trade talk with Japan

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

PRESIDENT REAGAN will lecture Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Japanese Prime Minister, "very candidly" about the huge trade imbalance between their two countries at a three-hour summit meeting in Los Angeles today.

He would emphasise the "urgent need" for Japan to lower barriers for American goods, said a senior aide. But he will not be as tough as some colleagues have advocated.

"How can I get tough with a very good friend?" Mr Reagan asked reporters last week when they pressed him on Japan selling substantially more to America than it buys.

This trade deficit is expected to exceed £29·5 billion for 1984. Out of a total imbalance of £99 billion.

The Reagan official conceded that the President and Mr Nakasone will meet "at a time of mounting frustration over our continued inability to gain full access to Japan's markets."

While Japanese cars and consumer goods flood America and other Western nations, Japan has all manner of obstacles for foreigners wanting to trade, despite Mr Nakasone's assertions that he is a free trader.

Tobacco and plywood, for example, are two potentially big sellers subject to high tariffs in Japan. There are also tight controls on food imports and computer software and prohibitions on open competition in shipping, financial and legal services.

Still, Mr Reagan gets on well with Mr Nakasone whom he will be meeting for the fifth time. He feels indebted to him for his strong support of American foreign policy, especially on arms questions.

Given this background, Mr Reagan will press Mr Nakasone for Japan to alter trade policies —but nicely.

TV CELEBRATION FOR REAGAN

By Our Washington Staff

Elizabeth Taylor, Frank Sinatra and the Beach Boys, are among entertainers who will take part in nationally-televised festivities celebrating President Reagan's second inauguration later this month.

Mr Reagan and Vice President George Bush will be sworn in during a private White House ceremony on Sunday, January 20, and again publicly on the steps of the Capitol the following day.

BANK INTEREST OUTLAWED IN PAKISTAN

Pakistan yesterday started phasing in a new Islamic banking system under which banks will be forbidden to charge or pay interest.

The new interest-free system, ordered by President Zia-ul-Haq, will initially apply only to the corporate sector, but by June the ban will spread to all banks, the State Bank of Pakistan said.

Instead of receiving interest, depositors will share in the profit or loss of the banks, which on present performance probably means around nine per cent per annum of profit. The Koran forbids acceptance or payment of interest and says offenders will go to Hell.—Reuter.

ANTI-COMMUNIST BASE SHELLED

By Our Bangkok Correspondent

Communist forces in Cambodia heralded in the New Year by carrying on its attack of Nong Samet, an anti-Communist base belonging to the Khmer People's National Liberation Front, with an onslaught of artillery and mortar shells.

Twenty guerrillas were killed and 40 others were injured in the latest bombardment which started late on New Year's Eve and did not stop until early yesterday. The besieged camp first came under attack nine days ago.

ROBBER USED MURDERED BRITON'S CAR

A Briton whose body was found in a West German forest car park on Monday was killed a week before a robber used his car in a bank raid, West German police reported yesterday.

Mr Eugene Wethey, 37, an engineer from Swanage, Dorset, with a French wife and no children, had been shot in the head. His body was found by a jogger.

His car, a Volkswagen Golf, was found a few miles from a bank near Heilbronn from where an armed robber escaped with £24,000 last Friday.—Reuter.

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HUNDREDS OF BAD TEACHERS WEEDED OUT

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

HUNDREDS of incompetent teachers have already been ousted from their classrooms by local authority employers, according to confidential reports submitted to Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary.

The sackings have been conducted quietly, without fuss and with the blessing of the teacher unions, who laid down that the "weeding-out" should not be publicised.

Even head teachers are not immune from this process. About 20 heads a year — 10 times the number recorded four years ago — are having to face charges of incompetence.

These disclosures come just days before Sir Keith delivers a speech to the North of England Education Conference at Chester in which he is expected to repeat his familiar theme that teachers should be regularly vetted and, if found to be useless, told to get out.

But Sir Keith will offer no easy ways of appraising and weeding. He will simply use the occasion to warn both teachers and local authority leaders that if they will not draw up a system of their own, then he will do it for them.

In effect, he will give them one term's notice to set the wheels of legislation in motion. If he wants to change the law during the present Parliament, he will have to put his proposals before the Cabinet by June at the latest.

He could do this relatively easily by revising the Remuneration of Teachers' Act 1965, which deals with the running of the Burnham Committee, where teacher salaries are negotiated.

Positive approach

Sir Keith is known to favour a scheme where both children and their teachers are assessed at regular intervals, but it is doubtful whether he would go as far as some Eastern bloc countries.

In Czechoslovakia, for instance, teachers lose pay and promotion if their pupils fail to learn to read and write fluently by the time they are eight. The Three Rs are tested by school inspectors and teachers whose classes are below par are warned to improve them within six months.

Instead, Sir Keith prefers a more positive approach, with bonus payments for teachers of proven excellence.

Many local authorities are now said to have admitted to the Department of Education that incompetent teachers in their employ have already been weeded out.

The process appears to be slow but effective. Poor classroom teachers are warned, first by their heads of department, then their head teachers and finally by the local authority, to improve or get out.

Unions are fully consulted and usually agree with the method. They are as keen as Sir Keith to rid the profession of those who give it a bad name.

The incompetent teachers involved "usually take the hint" but the process from first warning to departure can take anything up to a year.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said yesterday that his association was at present having to deal with six cases of alleged incompetence.

"There are now vastly more teachers and head teachers accused of incompetence than there were four or five years ago. Then we could count perhaps two cases of heads being thus charged in a year. Now it is about 20 cases a year," he said.

In most cases the heads had lost either the confidence of their governors or their pupils' parents. In other cases, the heads faced complaints regarding their relationships with their staff and lack of leadership.

Mr Hart said that, although unions would defend their members, they generally agreed with weeding-out procedures if faced with a clear case of incompetence. But he added that incompetence was "not always easy to prove."

Sir Keith, he said, did not appear to recognise what was already taking place effectively within local authorities. "He over-estimates the amount of incompetence among teachers and under-estimates the extent to which it is being dealt with.

"We support Sir Keith wholeheartedly in his attempt to improve standards by assessment — but it would be quite wrong to bring about such procedures by law," Mr Hart said.

'Wrong tactics'

Sir Keith's speech will also be an attempt to persuade teachers and employers to return to round-table talks on the future of the profession's entire structure.

Talks broke down before Christmas—some believe irrevocably—when the National Union of Teachers withdrew its delegation.

Mr Fred Jarvis, NUT general secretary, said last night that if Sir Keith was to speak as predicted at Chester, then there was "no question" of the talks resuming. All he would do would be to "unite the profession" against his "totally wrong tactics."

The structure talks had broken down, Mr Jarvis said, because employers had insisted to mix salaries with conditions of service. "There is another committee (the Council for Local Education Authorities School Teachers Committee) for conditions of service, not the structure working party."

Mr Jarvis accused Sir Keith of planning to fudge the real issue. "He is too embarrassed to talk to conference delegates about the subject that is far more important than incompetent teachers — the rate-capping facing local authorities," he said.

School work 'takes up to 100 hours a week'

By OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ON AVERAGE, teachers work a 50-hour week, and some put in "overtime" of up to 50 more hours, according to a survey being conducted by the National Union of Teachers.

Members, who were asked to keep a detailed log of classes, staff meetings, parent evenings, homework marking and the like during last November, have been sending in their diaries at the rate of 100 a day.

According to Mr Doug McAvoy, deputy general secretary of the 235,000-member union, the evidence gathered so far shows "a massive professional commitment by Britain's teachers."

Among the logbooks highlighted by Mr McAvoy was the case of a Leeds woman teacher who put in an extra 50 hours a week. In Bradford, a teacher in a junior school claimed to work an additional 40 hours and a Newcastle-on-Tyne nursery teacher said she devoted an extra 30 hours a week to unpaid duties.

A male teacher at a Northumberland secondary school said he put in an additional 40 hours and "rarely saw his wife" as a result, while a Manchester woman teacher sent in a blank diary.

"It would be easier to document the hours not spent doing something for the school," she wrote, and added: "Is there life after school?"

Ten years ago, the National Foundation for Educational Research conducted a similar survey which showed that teachers worked on average 40-41 hours a week (secondary) and 39-40 hours (primary).

Less trendy

In a separate survey by the foundation, just published in EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH, its journal, teachers of primary schools are shown to be far less "trendy" than often imagined.

The survey, which closely questioned 2,528 teachers, showed them firmly in control of their classrooms and preferring traditional teaching methods to the "discovery methods" favoured by the trendier teachers of the 1960s and 70s.

More and more were now tending to teach classes in their entirety rather than splitting them into small groups. The report also makes it clear that teachers were teaching the "Three Rs" without needing to be encouraged to return to basics.

DANES TO REFIT SEALINK FERRIES

By Our Shipping Correspondent

Sealink is to send two Channel ferries to the Aalborg yard in Denmark for £3 million modernisation after workers at Swan Hunter, on Tyneside, said they would not do the job because it includes removing asbestos.

The Earl Granville, 4,477 tons, and the Earl William, 3,765 tons, are to be converted into the most luxurious ships ever to operate to the Channel Islands, with their passenger capacity cut from 1,200 to 400 each as part of the upgrading.

Move to cut the cost of innocence

By Our Legal Correspondent

CHANGES to the Government's Prosecution of Offences Bill to allow defendants who are cleared on summary charges to recover their costs of defending themselves from central funds are to be urged by the Law Society, the solicitors' governing body.

Solicitors are concerned that the Bill, which introduces an independent national prosecution service, fails to remedy a long standing grievance of defendants being put to substantial expense in establishing their innocence with little prospect of recovering their costs.

Under the present law which remains largely unaltered by the provisions of the Bill, a defendant who is cleared of an indictable offence in the magistrates courts or Crown courts can only normally expect to recover his costs from central funds unless he has brought the prosecution on himself or escaped conviction on technical grounds.

Central funds

If however he is cleared by magistrates of a summary offence, there is no power to award him costs from central funds even though his expense in defending himself may have been almost as great as for an indictable offence.

Although the court has power to award costs against the prosecution where it is just and reasonable to do so, this will usually not be done

The Bill begins its committee stage in the Lords on Jan. 17.

'Touch of a button' sailing on display

By TONY FAIRCHILD Yachting Correspondent

HYDRAULICS, telephones and new or improved radar and satellite-navigation aids are among the items of sea-faring equipment most likely to attract yachtsmen at the 31st London International Boat Show opening at Earl's Court tomorrow.

The hydraulic system gives power for automatically hoisting sails and anchors at the touch of a button, while the new telephones will allow complete communications privacy.

The hydraulic system for yachts, from as small as 38ft to as big as they come, has been developed by Lewmar, the Havant-based company.

As well as the main "Commander" stystem for yachts of 45ft and above, and able to provide automatic power for nine functions — Davits, winches and anchor winches, for example —, two smaller, less expensive systems are available for smaller craft.

Price of the basic "Commander," developed particularly for the cruising yachtsman with limited crew numbers, is £5,000 for a three-function unit. Prices go up to £15,000 for nine functions.

The new mobile telephone systems are on offer from Greenham-Cellcall of Ringwood, and Racal Electronics of New Malden. The new telephone unlike VHF radio, will allow calls to be made privately, are likely to be ideal for businessmen needing to make secure calls from sea. It is claimed that systems will be available nationwide fairly quickly.

Another advance is the Horizon satellite navigation device being introduced at the London show by the Lymington-based company of Brookes & Gatehouse.

The Horizon system is claimed to be the first in this highly-competitive micro-electronic field of navigational aids to take basic tidal information into account when calculating dead-reckoning plots.

New versions

Another low-cost navigational system likely to be attractive to yachtsmen is the Navstar Series—including a receiver and a navigator—being launched at the show by Kelvin-Hughes, of Hainault, Essex.

Mars Electronics of Wokingham, with two new versions of their Vigil Radar—each for less than £1,500—and Seafarer of Poole, with an updated version of their sounder and a new log are among other companies exhibiting interesting developments.

For ingenuity in marketing however, Silva of Feltham, may take a prize at the boat show, presented by the Ship Boat Builders' National Federation and DAILY EXPRESS, and which continues until Jan. 13.

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO BRITISH NUCLEAR TESTS IN AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government has established a Royal Commission to inquire into the British nuclear tests that were conducted in Australia during the period of twelve years from 1 January 1952.

Inquiry Members

The President of the Royal Commission is Mr. Justice J. R. McClelland, Chief Judge of the N.S.W. Land and Environment Court; the other Commissioners are Mrs. Jill Fitch, Senior Health Physicist with the South Australian Health Commission and Dr. William Jonas, Lecturer in Geography at the University of Newcastle, N.S.W.

Terms of Reference

The Royal Commission is to inquire into:-

(a) the measures that were taken before and at the time of tests, and have since been taken for the purpose of protecting persons in and about Australia and the External Territories against exposure to the harmful effects of ionising radiation and against contact with radioactive substances and other toxic materials used in or produced by the tests.

(b) whether the measures so taken were adequate for that purpose, having regard to the measures considered appropriate for the protection of health and the standards applicable at the time of the tests as well as at the present time: and

(c) whether the health of persons in and about Australia and the External Territories was or has been adversely affected by reason of exposure to the harmful effects of ionising radiation or contact with radioactive substances or other toxic materials used in or produced by the tests.

The Royal Commission is to inquire particularly into:-

(i) the management and conduct of the tests including the criteria for safe firing of the tests;
(ii) the arrangements made both at the time of the tests and afterwards to exclude unauthorised persons from areas that in relation to the tests were prohibited areas or restricted areas for the purpose of the Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952 or otherwise;
(iii) radiological and other health physics standards and practices associated with the tests;
(iv) atmospheric atomic fallout monitoring arrangements associated with the tests;
(v) the disposal within Australia of buildings, equipment and materials that were at the test sites; and
(vi) the measures taken, both at the time of the tests and afterwards, to manage the test sites.

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MOTORING — JOHN LANGLEY

1985—keen prices and a few shocks

IT'S GOING to be an unusually interesting year for motorists, with plenty of new models in various price ranges—and no doubt, one or two nasty shocks.

New car prices are levelling out across Europe as a result of intensive competition arising from the industry's chronic over-capacity. The trend will be helped along by the action of the E E C, supported by the British Government despite the agonised yelps from manufacturers and importers.

Ford tells me that its British prices are already within 12 per cent. of the German prices, as required under the new E E C regulations, but it doesn't look as though they will be closing down in Britain just yet.

But what motorists gain in more competitive pricing on new cars may be lost when they come to trade in their old models if, as rumoured, the Chancellor introduces V A T on used cars in the Budget.

It could also lead to an even bigger swing towards motorists selling their used cars privately, a trend generally encouraged by the motor trade until recently when the more wide-awake garages discovered that there can be better profits in properly-marketed used cars than in heavily discounted new models.

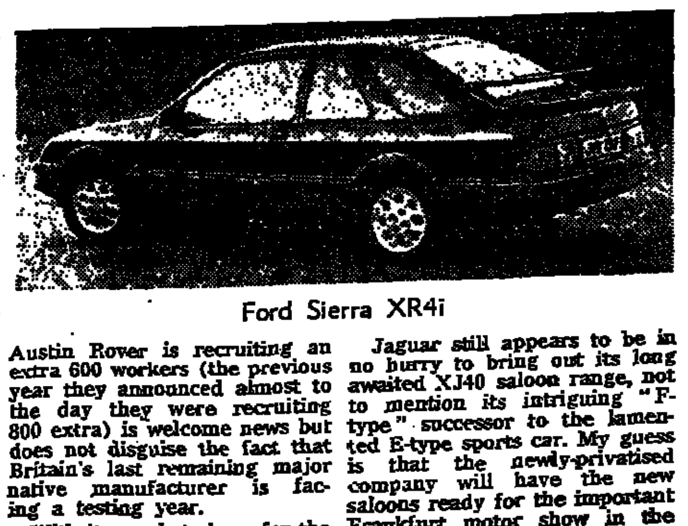
£100 car tax

Motorists will probably count themselves lucky if the 1985 Budget does not also mark the arrival of the £100 annual car tax. It could not be justified by inflation — but since when has that troubled any Government? Any increase could be stomached more easily if some of the extra revenue was used for tracking down the licence duty evaders, or even put towards the cost of a modern motorway signalling system.

For industry watchers, one of the most interesting speculations is whether B L will still be ahead of Vauxhall/Opel in the U K market by this time next year.

General Motors may not be making money yet in Britain but it is making remorseless progress in the sales charts. Its market share rose by two per cent., from 16 to 18 per cent. in 1984, and its target is a further growth of two per cent. to 20 per cent. this year. Production of the attractive new Astra range, with the added kudos of the Car of the Year award for 1985, is being stepped up significantly in Britain and there is reported to be a new Rekord (sold in Britain as the Carlton) on the way.

If G M gets that extra two per cent., it is hard to believe that it will all come from the market leader... Ford. Last week's announcement that Austin Rover is recruiting an extra 600 workers (the previous year they announced almost to the day they were recruiting 800 extra) is welcome news but does not disguise the fact that Britain's last remaining major native manufacturer is facing a testing year.



Ford Sierra XR4i

With its market share for the first 11 months of last year hovering on 18 per cent., fractionally down on a year earlier, B L did not make the hoped-for breakthrough in 1984, despite the arrival of its promising Montego range. In my opinion, the Montego is more than a match for the rival Ford Sierra and Vauxhall Cavalier but the ultra-cautious fleet buyers still seem to be holding back — it is significant that Austin Rover have been offering dealers substantial bonuses to push Montego "demonstrators" in the company market.

One of the most eagerly awaited new models, the "XX" project Honda-Rover, due out by the end of the year, should give Austin Rover a much-needed boost in the important executive car market but will not be available in sufficient numbers to have much effect on the 1985 figures.

By then, the British group will also be facing competition from a formidable rival in the shape of the Ford Granada replacement. The "Scorpio" has more than a passing family likeness to the Sierra—a fact that must be causing British Ford executives some concern, after the less than ecstatic welcome given to the Sierra's styling — but it will still be able to take advantage of the Granada's reputation for German - built quality and reliability.

Ford is also working on a four-wheel-drive high-performance version of the dramatic-looking top Sierra, the 2·8 litre XR4i, a car which in standard form gave me some exhilarating motoring towards the end of the year, even though the "bi-plane" rear spoilers sometimes made me feel uncomfortably conspicuous in the run up to Christmas. As well as having a much punchier middle range and top end performance, the XR4i feels steadier at motorway speeds thanks to its rear wings, but hopefully, four-wheel drive will make them obsolete.

Jaguar still appears to be in no hurry to bring out its long awaited XJ40 saloon range, not to mention its intriguing "F-type" successor to the lamented E-type sports car. My guess is that the newly-privatised company will have the new saloons ready for the important Frankfurt motor show in the autumn — they are making a big sales push in Germany. Meanwhile, detailed development has been going ahead on the new six-cylinder engine, which will be available in 2·9-litre form, as well as in the 3·6 litre version already used in the XJS. After learning that B M W is developing a new 12-cylinder engine, Jaguar decided that its own magnificent V12 should also be shoe-horned into the XJ40 as a top-of-the-line model.

The middle-range executive car market is becoming one of the most ferociously contested. In addition to the new Rovers and Fords, Saab will have its new 9000 Turbo and Lancia its excellent new Thema range on sale in Britain this year. They will be joined later by Fiat's contender, the Type Four, with similarities in concept to both the Saab and the Lancia. Buyers in this category will be spoilt for choice by the end of the year; all they will need is the money.

But there will still be plenty going on lower down the market. One of the most interesting small cars will be the new 3-door mini from Lancia, powered by Fiat's new high efficiency one-litre "Fire" engine. Its announcement will mark another stage in the recovery of the famous Italian company but the new mini is not expected to be available in Britain until about the middle of the year.

About that time, we should also be getting the first Spanish Seat Ibiza hatchbacks in Britain. The agreement reached recently about Spain's entry into the E E C should defuse some of the political sensitivities in the operation and if the prices are as competitive as has been suggested, the new Seats will give some of the cheaper imports a run for their money. I drove one for several weeks and found it a good all-rounder in its class, though not as exciting as the thought of its Porsche-designed engine might suggest.

By the end of the year, we shall see a new car which will be crucial to Peugeot-Talbot's continued presence as a manufacturer in Britain. The new C28 will be built in the ex-Chrysler, ex-Rootes plant at Coventry but they still haven't decided whether it is to be called a Talbot or a Peugeot.

There is pressure in France to rationalise the sprawling Peugeot Citroen group by dropping the Talbot name altogether. However, some big British customers insist that they can only buy cars that are perceived to be British. For them, the Talbot name is fine but Peugeot would be another matter . . . Since the initial production is planned at the rate of 1,000 a week, twice the current level for the Talbot Horizon and Solara, the makers have to make inroads into the fleet market if they are to make a success of the car.

My guess is that the British version will be called a Talbot, but much will depend on the politics back at group headquarters in France. The car itself is a medium-sized five-door hatchback, designed to appeal to family motorists as well as the company buyers. It should be announced in France in the autumn, with the Coventry plant coming on stream a few weeks later.

Japanese efficiency

By then, too, Nissan will be well down the road towards production at its brand new plant on the former Sunderland airport site, Tyne and Wear. The first cars are due off the assembly line next year. They will be the successors to the current Stanza range, medium-sized saloons and hatchbacks, again aimed at both the company fleet and family markets. Just what the full implications will be for the existing manufacturers in Britain are not yet clear but the Japanese presence will certainly be a spur to greater efficiency. It will be fascinating to see if the Japanese management style is as effective in the car industry here.

Long before then, next week in fact, I hope to try a vehicle which looks a bigger gamble than any other new model to be launched this year. It's not a car, more like an electrically propelled roller-skate—Sir Clive Sinclair's electric three-wheeler.

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DEATHS, IN MEMORIAM

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RAINSFORD.—On Dec. 29, 1984, suddenly whilst hunting, NEVILLE GORDON, aged 41 years, of Three Gates House, Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire, the dearly loved husband of Janet, dear father of Charlotte and Zoë. Funeral service, 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 1985, at St Margaret's Church, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, followed by interment in the churchyard. Flowers may please be sent to H. J. Dawson Ltd, 22, George Street, Leamington Spa.

RANSOM.—On Dec. 30, 1984, in hospital at Eastbourne, PHYLLIS, aged 82 years, widow of FRANK LESLIE RANSOM, formerly of Worthing, Sussex. Service at Worthing Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 4, at 3.30 p.m. Inquiries to H. D. Tribe Ltd, Worthing 34516.

RENDELL.—On Dec. 31, at North Hill Nursing Home, St Austell, MARGERY, widow of Henry and dear mother of Merrial Harrower, of Croil du Portelet, Bay, Jersey. Funeral service at 12.30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4, at St Merryn Church, followed by cremation at 1.40 p.m., Truro.

ROBERTS.—On Dec. 27, 1984, suddenly after a long illness, bravely borne, RONALD NEVILLE (Bob), beloved husband of Anne (Nan).

ROBERTS.—On Dec. 27, after a long illness, VICTOR RHODES, Dental Surgeon, formerly of Southsea and Tiverton, beloved husband of the late Mary and father of Yvana Christie and Susan Newman. Inquiries to Fords of Oakham, Church Street, Oakham.

ROBSON.—On Dec. 29, 1984, JOHN WILLIAM, aged 94, of the Downs, SW20, also of Heriots Friends Provident and West Wimbledon Bowling Club. Cremation at the Putney Vale, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 3 p.m. Inquiries to Ashton's, 01-946 1051.

ROTHWELL.—On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully at hospital in his 86th year, THOMAS JACOB ROTHWELL, B.E.M., ex R.I.C., Palestine Gendarmerie, R.U.C., formerly Secretary, Ulster Branch I.R.F.U., official of the I.A.B.A. and A.A.A. Will be much missed by his wife and family. 5, Wingrove Gardens, Belfast BT5 5NA.

RUCK.—On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully after a short illness, CICELY BRUCE RUCK, aged 85. Cremation Marylebone Cemetery, 4 p.m., Jan. 4. Memorial service at East Dean, near Chichester, later. No flowers, but donations if desired to Oxford & Bermondsey Club, Page's Walk, London SE1.

SANDFORD.—On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully in her sleep, PEGGY, very dear wife of Sir FOLLIOTT SANDFORD, of Painswick, Glos, formerly of Sydney, Australia. Funeral service, 10 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 4, at Sheepscombe Church, followed by cremation at Cheltenham. Family flowers only, by request.

SCHACMAN.—On Dec. 29, ROBERT PAUL, of 7, Forgeway Close, Chelston, Torquay, deeply loved by his wife Doris, a kind and affectionate husband. Funeral service to be held at the Torquay Crematorium at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 4. Flowers if desired to the Co-op Funeral Service, 85, Barton Road, Torquay.

SCOTT.—On Dec. 20, suddenly but peacefully at home in Tunbridge Wells, VIOLET LOUISE, aged 89. Funeral service at St Barnabas Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation.

SCURFIELD.—On Dec. 29, 1984, at Wray Common Nursing Home, THERESA SCURFIELD, M.B.E., in her 85th year, late of the Foreign Office. Memorial service at the Chapel, Stoneman Funeral Services, Doran Court, Redhill, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation.

SELBY.—On Dec. 31, peacefully, ROBERT B. J. SELBY, beloved father of James Selby. Requiem Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, N.W.5, Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. No flowers, but donations to Shrine of the Little Flower, Besford Court, Worcester.

SHACKELL.—On Dec. 28, peacefully at St Johns Nursing Home, South Croydon, DOROTHY, widow of Jack, dearly loved mother of Kathleen, and John and grandmother of Jane, Janet, Gillian, Susie, Vincent and John. Funeral service at Croydon Crematorium, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 11.30 a.m. Inquiries to Ebbutt Funeral Service, 89, High Street, Croydon, tel. 01-688 5555.

SHARPIN.—On Dec. 26, MICHAEL, darling husband of Jill, dearest father of Jane, Ginny and Patrick and grandfather of Ruth. Funeral private. No flowers or letters please. Donations please to St Christopher's Hospice.

SHAW.—On Dec. 30, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely fought, WALTER, dearly beloved husband of Mary and much loved father of Philippa and Peter. Private cremation at his request. Family flowers only. Inquiries 051-342 6949.

SIBLEY. — On Dec. 26, 1984, passed away whilst holidaying in Fiji, GORDON RALPH, of White Falcon Court, Solihull, Warwickshire, beloved husband of the late Madge and brother of Marjorie. Service at Knowle Parish Church, Knowle, Warwickshire, Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m., followed by committal at Robin Hood Crematorium, Solihull.

SISTERSON. — On Dec. 30, peacefully at Craghall, in his 94th year, ROBERT STUART, formerly of Denewell Avenue, Low Fell, husband of the late Bush, father of Stuart and grandfather of Jane. Service at Newcastle Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

SLESSOR.—On Dec. 30, at home, Mere Avenue, Raby Mere, South Wirral, after a long illness bravely and courageously borne, ROBERT, aged 58 years, beloved husband of Audrey, dearly loved father of Catherine and Philip. Service and cremation at Landican on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 11 a.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, for Clatterbridge Cancer Research, may be sent c/o Henry Norman Funeral Service, The Cross, Neston, South Wirral, tel. 051-336 4184.

SMITH.—On Christmas Day, 1984, suddenly and peacefully at his home in Bury St Edmunds, CECIL NEWMAN SMITH, in his 78th year, beloved husband of the late Joyce (née Pritchard).

SMITH. — On Dec. 29, peacefully at his home, Dranston, Holcombe Drive, Llandrindod Wells, after a long illness, D. H. (Don) SMITH, much loved husband of Phyllis. Funeral Thursday, Jan. 3, at Holy Trinity Church, Llandrindod Wells, at 2 p.m.

SNOWDEN. — On Dec. 29, peacefully in her sleep at home, DILYS CECIL, adored wife of Geoffrey, dearly loved mother of Jennifer and David and of grandchildren, Melanie, William and Henrietta. Cremation at Putney Vale on Jan. 7, 3.30 p.m. Flowers to T. H. Sanders & Sons Ltd, 28-30, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.

STEWART.—On Dec. 28, 1984, at Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, after a short illness, MARY ELIZABETH HENDERSON STEWART, Baroness Stewart of Alvechurch, beloved wife of Michael and sister of Sheona and Bill. Private funeral at St Andrew's Church, Sandon, Essex, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations by friends to Oxfam would be appreciated. Memorial service in London to be arranged.

SUTTON.—On Dec. 29, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, courageously borne, RUBY ETHEL, aged 72, of Welwyn, Herts, widow of Charles James, loving mother of Graham and Peter and very dear nanny of Matthew, Kate, Christopher and David. Funeral service at St Mary's, Welwyn, on Jan. 4, 1985, at 1 p.m. Flowers to 32, Milton Road, Harpenden, Herts.

SYDES.—On Dec. 28, after a long illness, in her 81st year, MADELINE GWYNETH (née Aust) (Poppy), a loving mother and sister. R.I.P.

TATTERSALL.—On Dec. 29, peacefully after a short illness, MIRIAM, in her 92nd year, deeply mourned by Ellen. Special thanks to Drs, Sister and nurses at St Charles' Hospital, Lister 2 Ward. "May the Angels lead you into paradise and a choir of angels welcome you, you will find rest and peace with God."

TAYLOR.—On Dec. 29, at home unexpectedly after prolonged illness most bravely borne, MARY, dear mother of David and Anne mother-in-law of Janet and Mark, dear Nanny of James, Melissa and Peter, dearest sister of Enid. At rest. Service at Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne, Sussex, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 2.15 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if so desired, donations to Parkinson's Disease Society, Eastbourne Branch, 3, Bolsover Court, Bolsover Road, Eastbourne.

TEASDALE.—On Dec. 30, in a Tunbridge Wells nursing home, LETITIA DAISY MATILDA, aged 90, widow of JOHN WILLIAM TEASDALE, of Lamberhurst. Funeral at the Church of St Mary, Lamberhurst, on Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, at 3 p.m.

TEBAY.—On Dec. 31, 1984, peacefully in hospital, HUGH NOEL, beloved husband of CICELY TEBAY, dearest father and grandfather, formerly Chief Inspector of Police at Whitstable and Canterbury. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to C. W. Lyons, Military Road, Canterbury.

THOMAS.—On Dec. 14, 1984, suddenly in Guildford Hospital, OWEN FREDERIC THOMAS, aged 71 years, retired officer of the Legal and General Assurance Society Ltd, and much loved brother of Barbara, Geoffrey and Mildred. Funeral service on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at St Mark's Church, Peaslake, Surrey, at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Guildford Crematorium, at 1 p.m. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, may be left at the church or sent to Commonwealth House, Haywards Heath, Sussex RH16 3AZ.

THOMPSON.—On Dec. 25, 1984, at home, MARGARET. Cremation on Jan. 7, at 3.30 p.m., Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers to W. Sherry & Sons, 01-422 4264.

TOOTELL.—On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully, GEORGE DEREK LEIGH, of Ville Bree, Jersey, Channel Islands, in his 85th year, former Lt., Guards Machine Gun Regt., and High Sheriff of Anglesey, 1946, dearly beloved husband of Peggy, father of Margaret and Jennifer, grandfather of Jeanne, Marie-Louise and Charles, great-grandfather of Jack.

TWEEDIE. — On Dec. 21, 1984, peacefully at home in Wrenbury Nantwich, MARY (née Cliffe). Donations if desired to R.A.F.A. Benevolent Fund.

VANS AGNEW.—On Dec. 31, suddenly at Kippington Grange, Sevenoaks, MARY (Mollie) MURRAY, thus joining her beloved husband, William. Quickly reunited after more than 60 years of marriage. Sadly missed by Bill, Michael and Aileen and all their families. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, at 3.30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 10, 1985.

WALKER.—On Dec. 28, suddenly at Southampton General Hospital, IAN CLAUDE, aged 61. Inquiries to J. Beavis & Sons, 0703 772120.

WALSH.—On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully after a long illness bravely borne, CHARLES PETER, of Storrington, formerly of Lodsworth, Sussex, loving husband of Doreen, sadly missed by all his family and friends. Service at St Mary's R.C. Church, Storrington, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o H. D. Tribe Ltd., 61, Lyndhurst Road, Worthing, tel. 34516. R.I.P.

WARBURTON.—On Dec. 31, at St John's Hospital, Battersea, EDMUND (Ted), aged 72, brother of John. Inquiries Edwin Bevan, funeral director, Battersea, 01-228 0560.

WARD.—On Dec. 29, at Budock Hospital, CECIL GORDON WARD, F.R.I.C.S. (Glanville, Hamilton and Ward), aged 92 years, formerly of Crescent Road, Truro.

WESTRUP. — On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully after a long bravely fought illness at the Sue Ryder Home, Cheltenham, Glos, SOLVEIG MARIA, aged 66, widow of Sir JACK WESTRUP. Many thanks to the doctors and nurses and special thanks to the staff of Tudor Wing at the Sue Ryder Home for their caring support. Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium, Thursday, Jan. 3, at 9.30 a.m. Family flowers only, otherwise donations to the Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton Court, Cheltenham.

WHEAL. — On Dec. 29 FLORRIE, aged 91 years, dearly loved mother, granny and great-grandma. Funeral service on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 3.15 p.m., Christ Church, Cockfosters, followed by cremation at St Marylebone Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to The British Diabetic Association, c/o The NatWest. Bank, 98, Cockfosters Road, Cockfosters, Herts EN4 0DJ.

WHEELER. — On Dec. 29, peacefully in Dulwich Hospital after a long illness, OLIVE, wife of the late SYDNEY WHEELER, of Weston Favell, Northampton.

WIGHT-BOYCOTT. — On Dec. 30, BEATRICE MARY (B), third daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J. Lawrence, of Little Brington, Northampton. The funeral service will be held at The Newnham Parish Church, Northampton, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m. If wished, donations, please, to The Cancer Relief Fund, c/o Ann Rosbam & Son, funeral directors, 71, St Giles Street, Northampton.

WINSTONE. — On Dec. 25, suddenly OLIVE BLANCHE, of Chilworth, Southampton, beloved wife of Jack.

WRIGHT-ANDERSON.—On Dec. 30, 1984, suddenly in hospital, WINIFRED, wife of the late H. E. WRIGHT-ANDERSON and mother of Barbara and Michael. Funeral service takes place at St John's Crematorium, Woking, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 9.30 a.m. All flowers and inquiries please, to Pimms Funeral Services, Mary Road, Guildford, tel. 67394.

YOUNG.—On Dec. 28, at home in Great Finborough, JOSEPHINE JESSIE (née Paterson), beloved mother of Stephanie, Amanda, Charlotte and Julian, wife of John, daughter of Joe and Ronnie and sister of Keble. Cremation at the West Chapel, Ipswich, at 10.15 a.m., on Thursday, Jan. 3. Donations for St Elizabeth's Hospice, please, rather than flowers, to Appeal Organiser, Robert Marjoram, 158, Tuddenham Avenue, Ipswich.

YOUNG.—On Dec. 22, 1984, peacefully in her sleep at a nursing home in Eastbourne, Sussex, SOPHIE, wife of the late ARTHUR YOUNG, of East Dean, Sussex, much loved mother of Joan, Gerald and Jennifer. Funeral service at East Dean Church, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Haine & Son Ltd, 19, South Street, Eastbourne.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

WILSON, GEORGE DONNELLY.—Funeral service Thursday, Jan. 3, 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, c/o Surman & Horwood, 25, High Street, Princes Risborough.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

SANDERSON, BASIL.—A Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m., at Christ Church, Main Road, Sidcup, Kent.

SEARLE.—A Thanksgiving Service for ARTHUR CECIL SEARLE, well known in the Croydon area, will be held at All Saints Parish Church, Sanderstead, Surrey, on Friday, Jan. 4, 1985, 2 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

COLE, PAT, of Laleham.—Jan. 2, 1984. Sadly missed by daughter Gail, Barrie, Thomas and Oliver.

FREEMAN, GEORGE HENRY (Grif).—On Jan. 2, 1981, at Albany, Western Australia, in his 72nd year. One time Cathedral Head Chorister ("a unique voice"—Elgar; Holst); Director Freeman & Sons; Civil Police Service; Grenadier Guards; World Traveller; Farmer, Western Australia. A man of strength and integrity, greatly missed by wife "Jimmie" and Freeman Families of Gloucestershire. "Nec temere nec timide."

LEANSE, L. GERALD.—Remembered with eternal love today, your Birthday, and every day.—Shelagh.

NEWBY, HERBERT.—None truly loved is ever lonely.—Ceinwen.

PONTING, ALBERT RICHARD. — In loving memory always.—Pauline.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

BROWN, W. A. — In ever loving memory. — Eve.

HASKETT, FRED.—Jan. 1, 1975. Ten long lonely years, still loved and so sadly missed. "For the good times." — Sarah.

HUTTON, HARRY BOARDMAN.—Jan. 1, 1984. Remembered every day. — Peggy.

PAKEMAN, ELIZABETH JOYCE MARY.—In happy memory of a tender, loving and very brave little Wife and Mother who died Jan. 1, 1977.—John, Frances, and Margaret.

THE ARTS

RADIO / Vintage crop

THE OLD radio year went out with a positive feast of old radio. But, as I stayed in every morning to catch **Pride and Prejudice** or hung about the kitchen transistor set to follow the wandering stars of **Smash of the Day**, I began to wonder ever more uneasily about where, in the radio of the future, such vintage repeats will be found. Then, remembering that most of the feature programmes at least were from the last 12 months, I started to worry about how very rich radio is at present in such shows and whether all this will have to change when the brisk financial breezes begin to blow upon the BBC in the year ahead.

Is this, perhaps, a touch of aural dyspepsia brought on by too rich a diet? Two of the year's end retrospectives on Radio 4, **News Review of the Year** (Sunday), and that on **Woman's Hour** (Monday), offered welcome digestives. The first, subtitled "The 1984 George Orwell Didn't Write About" and produced for the radio news unit by John Allen, offered a carefully proportionate account of the main events artfully lit up with what few bits of good news there were. It was, of necessity, a sober programme and welcome for that very reason.

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The second was quite different but perhaps even more impressive in that its aim at a kind of calendar anthology, with its correlation between what has happened on the programme and in the world, was achieved with the sureness and lack of fuss which characterise "Woman's Hour" at its catholic best.

Although neither programme led with the miners' strike, both gave it their gravest attention. The first programme gave the essence of the dispute and its history so far. The second, in a conversation with the wife of a North-Eastern miner, allowed the bones of the human effects to show.

There were more dramatic events last year and ones of more immediately horrific impact (the Brighton bombing, the cumulative catastrophes of India, the Libyan Embassy siege) but this next year may well show what these two programmes indicated: that the strike will have by far the most profound and withering consequences.

Among the BBC radio departments the one it seems to me most in need of fervent wishes for a Happy New Year is drama. A kindly survey of its product would acclaim its strength in classic adaptations and serials but even the most benevolent ear would be bound to notice how far the new plays are falling behind what is on offer in the theatre. Certainly there are still quite wonderful examples of excellence in radio writing and production, like Stephen Dunstone's **Who is Sylvia?** and Don Haworth's **Daybreak**. The old feeling of radio leading the way in drama generally, which glowed away at the start of this decade, has gone. There are interesting plays (like last Sunday's **The Killing of Mr Toad**) and there are funny, useful, comforting or fetching plays on most afternoons. I shall wait by the set for the return of the wilder, braver ones, this year perhaps.

Gillian Reynolds

Cindy O'Callaghan in the ITV fashion-trade series "Gems," starting today.

DANCE / Russian traditions

"BRIGHT Shines the Moon," a Russian dance, provided the title for a delightful programme presented by Fred Gore at the **Queen Elizabeth Hall** on New Year's Eve.

The programme, staged with admirable professionalism, brought together an astonishing variety of traditional Russian items. There were two dance groups, gipsy songs full of *dusha* (soul) by the Russian gipsy artist Faina Zinova, and two brilliant traditional instrumentalists — Bibs Ekkel on the balalaika and Alyosha Zolotuhin on the domra (a kind of mandolin).

Right from its formation 25 years ago, the Balalaika Dance Company has paid great attention to authenticity: not just of steps, but also of styles of movement and the cut, choice of material and colouring of the costumes. Its dances were taught by experts from the Soviet Union, and now they are admirably performed — thanks to the skilful production of Ann Browne, herself an excellent dancer.

The other dance group, the Argonoffs (led by Michael Argonoff) is of more recent formation, but it also shows fine attention to authenticity and vitality.

Most impressive of the dances were those from different parts of the Caucasus — Daghestan and Georgia. Within each country there are numerous regional differences carefully preserved by the dancers — including the oriental flavour of the dances from Daghestan, the mysterious quality of ancient Georgian dances, and the rhythmic vitality of a fiery Georgian drum dance performed by Paul Lange.

The careful exuberance of the Ukrainian dances was also well portrayed by the male Argonoffs.

Fernau Hall

THEATRE / Fine feathers

THE THING about the Dame in "Mother Goose" is that theatrically she rules the roost. Dames in other pantomimes may come and go without greatly challenging an actor's art. But "Mother Goose" is to the serious player of pantomime as Hamlet or Hedda are to the legitimate stage — a hoop which must be gone through by anyone who wants to dignify the tradition and his reputation.

Nor is this dame actor-proof. Only the other day at Plymouth Danny La Rue suggested that it takes more than mere female impersonation and precision of dress and demeanour to bring out the Dame's dramatic potential. Mr La Rue was engaging company but little more.

At the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, John Inman gives us a deeper idea of the rewards of the role when approached by an experienced, investigative comedian. What Mr Inman possesses in abundance is a sense of music-hall comedy which he has cultivated since his days on Blackpool pier, and which now seems at its zenith.

It is a part which he hasn't just gone into whimsically. He has been playing it for nine seasons now; and though he could be accused of stooping to near-effeminacy or "camp" comedy in his assorted preenings and mincings, these whiffs of wickedness are only marginal to the main conception of a benevolently maternal pillar of stability and tolerance.

It is Mr Inman's poise amid the general anxiety over rent collections and rejuvenation and the constant changes of outrageous costume, which somehow soothes the vulgarity of the circumstances and carries us along for much of the inanity in Bill Robertson's pantomime.

The routines are old. The endless striptease, the bosom that slips, the candelabra headgear, the balloon-filled hips, and the saucy joke with the sausage — it is hard to explain why such stuff should still be funny unless you watch the personality of such a comedian in command.

Barbara Newman's Goose is an admirable foil and dates back as far as Mr Inman's Dame: and though it seems a pity that Katie Budd's Principal Boy should look the part but seldom sounds it with her barking of disco numbers into the microphone, the show is about as traditional in tone (with a circus and luminous puppet interludes plus arithmetical humour at the blackboard) as you are likely to find this year. The junior chorus line is particularly charming and Nicholas Brent and the Demon King is refreshingly determined not to answer the kids back. But why is there no credit for the costumes and the design?

Eric Shorter

ART GALLERIES

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COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

SANDRINGHAM, Jan. 1.

Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon. Mary Morrison as Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen.

Princess Anne, Patron of the Home Farm Trust, will attend a charity evening at the London Palladium on Feb. 17.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, will visit Brookwood Cemetery, Brookwood, Surrey, on Feb. 14. Afterwards, as Chancellor, he will visit the University of Surrey, Guildford.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust, will attend the Memorial Lecture at the Royal Society of Arts on March 20.

Sir Charles Troughton, who has retired as Chairman of the British Council, has been appointed President.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Sir Michael Tippett is 80 today. Prof. Sir Kingsley Dunham is 75; Mr Leopold Brook 73; Lord Trend 71; Mr Edmund de Rothschild 69; Mr C. J. K. Bisgood 69; Lord Chatfield 68; Lord Nelson of Stafford 68; the Duke of Devonshire 65; Mr Walter Harrison, M P, 64; the Rt Rev. K. J. Woollcombe 61; Sir Philip de Zulueta 60; and Mr David Bailey 47.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr N. B. Dillon and Dr F. C. Seal

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the Rt Hon. Sir Brian and Lady Dillon, of Grundisburgh, Suffolk, and Clare, daughter of Commander and Mrs Christopher Seal, of Henstridge, Somerset.

Lieut N. J. Youseman, R.N., and Second Officer A. S. Crook, W R N S

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Youseman, of Gravesend, Kent, and Andrea, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Crook, of Brooklands, Sale, Cheshire.

Surg. Lieut (D) R. E. Norris, R.N., and Miss R. F. A. Longfield

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Cdr A. R. B. Norris, R.N. (Retd.), and Mrs Norris, of Portsmouth, Hants, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Longfield, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr J. G. Wilford and Miss K. A. Evans

The engagement is announced between Lieut Jamie Wilford, The Parachute Regiment, elder son of Col D. J. Wilford, O B E, of Belg[illegible] and Mrs J. Wilford, of [illegible]ey, and Katherine, younger daughter of Captain Br[illegible]s, Royal Navy, and Mrs E[illegible], of East Harting, West Sussex.

Dr C. J. H. Bland and Miss M. C. Morris Jones

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the late Lt-Col J. E. M. Bland and of Mrs N. M. Bland, of Little Hall, Stutton, Suffolk, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Morris Jones, of Little Sir Hughes, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex.

Dr R. V. Price and Miss S. J. Hallitt

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs David Price, of Lightridge House, Fixby, Huddersfield, and Sarah Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. Hallitt, of West Royd, Holmfirth, Yorks.

Dr J. H. Giles and Miss A. Morris

The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs A. B. Giles, of Fenstanton, Huntingdon, and Anne, only daughter of Mr ad Mrs C. E. P. Morris, of Edgmond, Shropshire.

Dr T. W. Potter and Miss S. C. Bailey

The engagement is announced between Timothy, younger son of Mr C. H. Potter, of Thornham, Norfolk, and the late Mrs Potter, and Sandra, daughter of Mr H. D. Bailey, of Foresters House, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Evelyn Bailey, of The River House, Quenington, Gloucestershire.

Mr H. T. Rodman and Miss L. M. Smith-Masters

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of the late Rev. H. T. Rodman and of Mrs F. Rodman, of Westpoint, Virginia, and Mariella, daughter of Col G. L. M. Smith-Masters, of Seaford, Sussex, and Mrs Peter Osborne, of Hindhead, Surrey.

Mr S. J. Beckett and Miss B. J. E. Fletcher

The engagement is announced between Stephen John, only son of Mrs Marie E. Armitage, of Grasscroft, Lancashire, and Mr John Beckett, and Belinda Jane Elizabeth, only daughter of Commander and Mrs Giles Fletcher, of Ropley, Hampshire.

Mr A. D. A. Manasseh and Miss T. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Lt-Cdr C. R. Manasseh and of Mrs Susan Manasseh, of Ealing, London, and Tracey, eldest daughter of the late David Campbell, and of Mrs Robert Wilson, of Warfield, Berkshire.

Mr S. T. Lawrence and Miss V. E. Russell

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Lawrence, of Newark, Ohio, and Victoria, daughter of the late Major Raymond Russell and of Mrs Ingeborg Russell, of Benenden, Kent.

Mr D. D. B. Rushmer and Miss F. I. Acworth

The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Rushmer, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, and Fiona, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Hugh Acworth, of Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Mr R. Healey and Miss V. J. Coates

The engagement is announced between Robin younger son of the Rev. Francis and Mrs Healey, of Bournemouth, Hampshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Coates, of Wargrave, Berkshire.

Mr J. D. Oakden and Miss E. A. Shillito

The engagement is announced between James, second son of Dr and Mrs E. W. R. Oakden of Wynlass Beck, Windermere, and Elizabeth, daughter of Dr and Mrs M. Shillito, of Chigwell, Essex.

Mr J. M. G. Thompson and Miss D. M. Martin

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Dr R. E. M. Thompson and of Mrs M. M. Thompson, of Chiswick, London, and Diana, daughter of the late Dr A. J. Martin and of Mrs M. V. Martin, of Monkwood, Alresford, Hampshire.

Mr M. E. C. Button and Miss P. G. McClure

The engagement is announced between Maurice, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. E. Button, of Parkstone, Dorset, and Patricia, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Patrick McClure, of Cobham, Surrey.

Signor G. E. Mannino and Miss P. M. Kidd

The engagement is announced between Gaetano, only son of Signor and Signora F. Mannino, of Messina, Sicily, and Philippa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs C. V. Kidd, of Park House, Kirkbymoorside, York.

Mr A. R. H. Knight and Miss S. H. Rook

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Anthony Knight, of Ardullie Lodge, Ross-shire, and of Mrs Gillian Dakeyne, of Hartlip, Kent, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Rook, of East Studdal, Kent.

Mr M. J. Pointer and Miss F. J. Miller

The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mr and Mrs M. E. Pointer, of Grantham, Lincolnshire, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. G. Miller, of Barford St Michael, Oxfordshire.

Mr D. L. Topham and Miss D. L. French

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs E. Topham, of West Molesey, Surrey, and Dana, eldest daughter of Mr M. J. French and Mrs Anne French, of Hurley, Berks.

Mr J. S. W. Black and Miss S. C. Hollingworth

The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs M. S. W. Black, of Pretoria, South Africa, and Susan, elded daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Hollingworth, of Baslow, Derbyshire.

Mr A. R. Ellis and Miss R. M. Townsend

The engagement is announced between Adrian Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Ellis, of Brighton, Sussex, and Roslyn Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Townsend, of Kings Norton, Birmingham.

Mr R. J. Newport and Miss L. B. Downes

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs H. J. O. Newport, of Birkdale, Southport, and Lynn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. V. Downes, of Stafford.

Mr S. J. S. Hawes and Miss J. E. Green

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hawes, of Ilminster, Somerset, and Judith, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Green, of Cirencester, Glos.

Mr R. A. Larter and Miss P. E. K. Dodd-Noble

The engagement is announced between Richard Arthur, son of Mr and Mrs H. H. Larter, of Parham House, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Penelope Elisabeth Kirkley, daughter of Miss Dawn Dodd-Noble, of Sandon, Buntingford, Hertfordshire.

Mr S. Mitchison and Miss J. M. Capel

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest twin son of Mr and Mrs B. Mitchison, of Woodham, Surrey, and Joanna Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs F. E. Capel, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Mr A. J. Tremlett and Miss A. J. Richins

The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Tremlett, of Harrow, Middlesex, and Joanna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Aubrey Richins, of Clipston, Market Harborough, Leics.

Mr D. R. Trow and Miss J. deW. V. Adams

The engagement is announced between Duncan, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Trow, of Worcestershire, and Julia, daughter of Mr Bruce Adams and the late Mrs Drada Adams and stepdaughter of Mrs Alice Adams, of Pinfarthings, Gloucestershire.

Mr A. T. Robinson and Miss J. E. Norris

The engagement is announced between Andrew Timothy, second son of Mr and Mrs N. Robinson, of Crumpsall, Manchester, and Julia Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. V. Norris, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr C. J. Keeble and Miss E. L. Cork

The engagement is announced between Christopher John, son of Mr and Mrs D. G. Keeble, of Aldham, Suffolk, and Emma Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Cork, of Queen Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

Mr A. W. Charlton and Miss J. Burbidge

The engagement is announced between Alan Charlton, of Swanley, Kent, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Burbidge, of St Michael's, Tenterden, Kent.

Mr M. D. S. Avent and Miss J. C. Turtle

The engagement is announced between Martin, only son of Mr and Mrs D. I. Avent, of Edmonton, London, N.9, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs L. R. Turtle, of Kelvedon, Essex.

Mr A. J. W. Sturgess and Mrs S. M. Champion

The engagement is announced between Andrew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J. E. Sturgess, of Shaw Hill, Wiltshire, and Susan, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Rose, of Owermoigne, Dorset.

Mr S. M. Hartley and Miss A. E. Marshall

The engagement is announced between Steven, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. J. Hartley, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. R. Marshall, both of Lytham St Annes, Lancashire.

Mr T. J. Richardson Lambourne and Miss V. P. Dunnicliff

The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr Martin Richardson, of Worsley, and Mrs Rosemary Lambourne, of Bramhall, and Virginia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Dunnicliff, also of Bramhall, Cheshire.

Latest Wills

DAVIS, H. C., Uppingham, Nr Leicestershire	£220,072
GRUBER, Mrs P., Highgate	404,531
KING, Edna, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex	278,171
MILANOVIC, Mrs A., Angmering, W. Sussex	205,604
PARROTT, D. W., Caterton, Oxon	202,461
READ, Mrs K., Frinton on Sea, Essex	242,598
SONNENBERG, Elisabeth, St Albans, Herts	473,695
SMITH, R. T., Liverpool	225,075
STONE, G., Hampstead	257,719
WILLIAMS, H. P., Shrewsbury	204,577

PERSONAL VIEW

Perks that do matter

MORRISON HALCROW on Mr Lawson's blunt views on where to make cuts

AS A SORT of pre-Christmas treat, I was taken to our local open-air Sunday market. On a drizzly mid-December morning there were two things (leave aside the mud) that stuck in the memory.

One was that so many people clearly enjoy going shopping on a Sunday. The other was that even in these hard times you can pack into one windswept field enough vigorous private enterprise to bring a gleam to the eye of a Tory Chancellor, always provided he knows his inspectors of taxes are appropriately organised.

Actually it was one stallholder in particular—and this is with no disrespect to either of the parties—who brought the present Chancellor to mind. She was an elderly woman of gipsy appearance. Her stock in trade consisted of a tray of glittery cheap jewellery. "Don't," she kept shouting at the crowd, "ask me where I got 'em from. And *I* won't ask *you* where you got your money."

An essential part of the ethos of the Treasury today is that, in an ideal world, money is something you don't ask too many questions about. Specifically, as we hear from every other speech these days by Ministers, Government policy is to cut the level of taxation, leave as much as possible of the taxpayer's own money in his own pocket, and let him spend it as he chooses, rather than watching it be spent for him by the Government.

It is all so sensible that Mr Lawson seems genuinely puzzled at why some of his Conservative colleagues are less than 100 per cent. enthusiasts for the way he is working his policies out. Or why there have been all those famous "middle-class" doubts recently about whether everyone really is going to benefit, as much as he tells them they will, in the ideal Lawson world.

No wonder he is irritated, in the way that a brilliant agricultural scientist may be irritated when he arrives in some Third-World country and tells them—*proves* to them, dammit, proves with statistics and graphs and soil samples—that if only they would build a dam here and try a different crop there and do one or two other things, they could abolish famine forever; then finds himself up against all the prejudices of age-old social customs.

The British middle class, no less than African tribesmen, has a folk memory. Like all folk memories it is faulty and largely irrational in the eyes of modern economists, but that is no reason for it to be ignored by politicians hoping to win elections.

Part of the folk memory is that there were once good old days when the middle classes automatically received awards commensurate with their skills and qualities. (And along with those rewards, so the folk memory runs, along with the privileges went extra responsibilities and duties.) But somewhere along the line—maybe it was during World War II—the differentials got distorted.

You can find some rough-and-ready statistical backing for what the middle classes are on about if you look at how the relative fortunes of, say, a doctor and a policeman have moved between pre-war days and now; or compare a school teacher and a bricklayer.

In any event, along came the war, then the post-war Labour Government, and high rates of income tax. High tax rates erode differentials, but there were other eroding forces at work: powerful trade unions; full employment, which gave a seller's market to labour, with or without unions; managements less alert than they might have been at seeing *what was happening to differentials*.

Cynics might say that the undoubted ingenuity of the British middle classes is never so evident as when their collective interests are threatened. They got their accountants on the job. Companies found that senior staff were better off if, instead of straight salary increases, they were offered company cars, preferential pension schemes, occasionally school fees. And in so far as the middle class can be equated with property-owners it has been vastly increased by the fact that the tax system made it enormously more advantageous to buy a house on a mortgage rather than to rent one.

There was another adjustment in middle-class attitudes to take account of shifts in the system: they contributed so much in tax, they might as well get their money's worth out of what the State pays for. Go to the (heavily subsidised) Royal Opera House and count the number of obvious members of the horny-handed working classes in the audience. The middle class had realised that rewards need not all come in the salary cheque.

All this is as distasteful to the tax-reform-zealots at the Treasury as African tribal traditions can be to those agricultural scientists: privileged so-and-sos moaning because they're losing their perks, they mutter. Quite; although the tax-reformers might have made a better job of explaining just how the lost perks on the one hand are compensated by tax changes on the other.

But there is a bit more to it than that and it goes back to the question of what people spend their money on. The network of tax concessions was based on the assumption that the State had a duty to encourage money to move into one area of the economy rather than another. A socialist argument, Mr Lawson would say.

Indeed it is, but it was also Conservative policy in the past to use the tax system to encourage, for instance, home ownership. It was Conservative policy to build up the complex and no doubt irrational arrangements — now being dismantled — *to ease the financial strain* on those better-off parents whose children go to university.

The value of either of those incentives may be debatable but there is a perfectly respectable *Conservative* case to be made out for them. (Pedants might say that the contrary case is indeed a traditional *Liberal* rather than Conservative one.) The argument inside the Tory party on these matters is not just evidence of the greedy protecting their corner.

Incidentally, that woman at the market with the cheap jewellery: she didn't seem to be selling much of it.

WEDDINGS

Mr K. F. Davison and Miss J. D. Hall

The marriage took place on Dec. 24 between Mr Kenneth Davison, son of Mrs H. C. S. Minchin and the late Capt. K. H. M. Davison, Indian Army, and Miss Jane Hall, daughter of Brig. H. C. B. Hall and the late Mrs Irene Hall.

Mr T. C. Bouquet and Miss S. M. Mansell

The marriage took place on Monday, Dec. 31, at the Church of St Thomas à Becket, Warblington, of Mr Timothy Bouquet, eldest son of Mr and Mrs C. P. Bouquet, of Maple Durham House, Weston, Petersfield, and Miss Sarah Mansell, daughter of Col and Mrs W. B. Mansell, of Pembridge House, Emsworth.

Mr P. Guy and Mrs J. Dean

The marriage took place quietly in Brighton on Dec. 22 of Mr Peter Guy and Mrs Jill Dean.

ROYAL NAVY HALF-YEARLY PROMOTIONS

Royal Navy half-yearly promotions are:

GENERAL LIST

Seaman: COMMANDER TO CAPTAIN: JM Neville-Rolfe; RJ Lowe; [illegible] Gordon-Lennox; MD Brocklin; CGH Campbell; EM Hackett; WC McKnight; S Taylor; RC Lane-Nott; [illegible]. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO COMMANDER: RED House; AD Fisher; RD Sanderson; I Thorp; DJ Smith; DJ Thornton; MR Lumley; T Morton; GC Hunt; RC Seaward; AB Trentham; DM Tall; PH Jeffery; AC Gordon-Lennox; GC Kent; AK Dymock; JB Harvey; PJ Walker; JF Rodley; JM Burnell-Nugent; AIM Hogg.

Engineering: COMMANDER TO CAPTAIN: BHE Tayler; PWW Ridley; VH Lucas; MR Thomas; DM Johnson; JA Lewis. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO COMMANDER: P [illegible]; [illegible] P Taylor; PA Moore; DM Crothers; GGA Cumming; RC Causley; JS Aldred; RAS Turner; TW Hare; DE Shepherd; PG Burford; DVP McClintock; I Jeffrey; CL McClement; A Cooper; RJ Lord; SM Williams, RJK Mervon.

Supply and Secretariat: COMMANDER TO CAPTAIN: PL Jack; EMA Cassidy. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO COMMANDER: RJP Mitchell; K. Ridland; FM Reynolds; IA Vosper.

Instructor: COMMANDER TO CAPTAIN: ALC Macken. LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO COMMANDER: PW Pool; RW Ditchfield; INL Gallet.

Medical: SURGEON COMMANDER TO SURGEON CAPTAIN: FW Pick. SURGEON LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO SURGEON COMMANDER: BJW Pegree; CR Kershaw; DJ Rose, PC Runciman.

Dental: SURGEON LIEUTENANT COMMANDER TO SURGEON COMMANDER: AE Shepherd; JG [illegible].

ROYAL MARINES: LIEUTENANT COLONEL TO COLONEL: IMH Moore; PT Donkin. MAJOR TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL: SJ Pack; JS Chester. CAPTAIN TO MAJOR: AJ Berry; RB Howard-Williams, ACS Chibnall; DV Nicholls; AA Milton, JQ Davis.

CHESS POSTPONED

By Our Chess Correspondent

The 37th World Chess Championship game in Moscow was postponed on Monday until today at Gary Kasparov's request. He has been 1-5 in arrears to Anatoly Karpov, the defending champion, for more than a month. The first to win six games will take the title.

HASTINGS CHESS

In the 60th annual Hastings Chess Tournament, this year in good conditions at the Queen's Hotel, the score table is bedevilled by the fact that Kupreichik, Sveshnikov, Abramovic and Djuric have all started one game fewer than the rest owing to their late arrival on the first day. These games will be cleared up tomorrow.

In round four Kupreichik, undoubtedly the favourite, was held by Martin all the way. Ravi Kumar won a pawn and calmly exploited it.

Round Three: Watson 0, Plaskett 1; Ravi Kumar 0, Fedorowicz 1; Sveshnikov [illegible], Gutman [illegible]; Farago ½, Benjamin ½; Djuric 0, Kupreichik 1; Martin ½, Flear ½; Herbert 1, Abramovic 0.

Round Four: Flear ½, Herbert ½; Kupreichik ½, Martin ½; Gutman 1, Farago 0; Watson 0, Ravi Kumar 1.

Leaders: Fedorowicz 2½ (one adj); Flear, Herbert 2½; Kupreichik, Plaskett, Benjamin 2 (one adj).

WOMEN'S BRIDGE PAIRS

Miss E. Pritchard and Mrs E. Phillips (Surrey) beat 192 other pairs to win the HARPERS AND QUEEN Women's Bridge Championship at the Park Lane Hotel, London, on Sunday.

2, Mrs A. Flockhart & Mrs C. Orme (Herts); 3, Mrs A. Rockliff & Mrs T. Spear (Kent); 4, Mrs R. Trapman & Mrs P. Watson (Essex); 5, Miss S. Tusk & Miss A. Smith (London); 6, Mrs A. Waddington & Mrs S. de Cherot (London).

1984 weather

WARM, DRY AND WET

By Our Weather Correspondent

TAKEN as a whole, 1984 was a warm year with near average sunshine and rainfall. Its most triking feature was the very dry spring and summer, followed by such a wet autumn that the rainfall deficit was made up.

In Glasgow, the spring and summer were the driest for more than 100 years, with only 36 per cent. of the average rainfall. This record dry spell was followed by a notably wet November however.

Throughout the United Kingdom both summer and autumn were warm although the summer was not as those of 1976 or 1983. The preceding spring was unusually cold.

Sunshine totals were near average, with spring and summer being sunnier than usual but followed by a dull autumn.

December started mild and rather wet throughout Britain, with a succession of troughs bringing rain to all areas during the first five days of the month.

Cold front

This was followed by a few mostly dry days when an anticyclone ridged northwards from France after the clearance of a cold front.

The weather remained unsettled over Scotland with 3½in of rain of Sloy, near Loch Lomond on Dec. 6, but by the end of Dec. 10, Scotland too became mostly dry.

On the 17th sleet and snow was reported widely in Northern England and Scotland, causing some disruption of traffic over the Pennines.

The generally mild, unsettled weather continued in the South until Christmas Day when a belt of rain crossed the whole of Britain.

But the change to much colder weather lasted only a few days and by the end of the month much of the country was again on the mild side of normal.

The mildest areas in December were the north and east of Scotland, and the sunniest were central and south east England.

In East Anglia, sunshine was over 40 per cent. above average, and in both this region and the north east of England it was dry. By contrast, south west Scotland and Northern Ireland were dull and wet.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11.
British Library: Penelope Wallis, "Introduction to Manuscript Illumination," 11; "Anglo Saxon Manuscripts," 13.30.
Museum of London: Amanda Herries, "The Museum's Toy Collection," 1.10; Arthur Trotman and Colin Merton, "Clockwork Toys from the Collection" (workshop), 3.
National Gallery: Colin Wiggins, "Craftsman and artist: from obscurity to celebrity," 1.
St Bride's, Fleet St.: Mervyn Cousins, organ, 1.15.
St Olave, Hart St.: Music recital with Catherine McCorkill (clarinet) and Kumiko Ito (piano), 1.5.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.
Museum of London: An Exploration of the Delights of the Juvenile Drama (workshop), 1.10.
National Gallery: Felicity Woolf, "[illegible] in art: [illegible] of confusion," 1.
St Giles, Cripplegate, Barbican: Anne Marsden Thomas, organ, 1.10.
St Olave, Hart St.: Harry Gibbs, "Boxing and the referee," 1.5.

Theatres, Cinemas—P19

'Dirty Dozen' camp bites the dust

A WARTIME Army camp in Wiltshire where British and American troops trained for "Dirty Dozen" exploits against the Germans has been demolished, and the site restored to farmland.

The 182-acre transit camp at Ogbourne St George, on the Marlborough Downs, was built in 1940 and is perhaps best known as the home of 10,500 men of the American 101st Airborne Division.

The fictional film exploits of the "Dirty Dozen" mission to destroy German headquarters in occupied France was based on the escapades of some of the division's toughest paratroops.

The division spent nine months at the camp before taking part in the Normandy invasion in June 1944. They were again at the camp for later attacks in Holland, particularly at Eindhoven when the British were attacking Arnhem.

£200,000 profit

But after a 14-month, £100,000 clearance project by the Government's Property Services Agency, gone are the 175 buildings.

In their place is rich agricultural land which should sell for around £200,000 profit to the taxpayer.

During the project 250,000 tons of soil were imported, 200,000 tons of concrete and brick were crushed for roadfill and 80,000 tons of scrap metal were recovered. At one stage demolition work was held up for two weeks when an underground bomb store was discovered

Obituary

IVAN CHANCE

Ivan Chance, who has died aged 74, was chairman of Christie's during a period of the art auction house's great expansion. He joined the firm on front counter in 1950 straight from Eton, and became a partner five years later.

Taking over as chairman in 1958, he went on to play a crucial role in the company's expansion abroad, especially in Europe, establishing important outlets in centres including Rome and Geneva.

Annual sales during his 16-year chairmanship soared from about £1,680,000 to more than £50 million when Christie's went public in the early 1970's. He subsequently became chairman of Christie's International from 1973 to 1976.

Mr Chance sold millions of pounds worth of pictures and art works during his time, the most expensive being the Titian masterpiece, "Death of Actaeon," which fetched £1,680,000.

A distinctly cosmopolitan individual, he spoke fluent French and had served on the council and executive committee of the National Trust and held the posts of chairman and president of the Georgian Group.

During the 1939-45 war he served in the Coldstream Guards and was mentioned in despatches. He was made C B E in 1971.

Lady Sandford. At Painswick, Gloucs, aged 66. Second wife of Sir Folliott Sandford, former Registrar, Oxford University.

Lady Westrup. At Cheltenham, aged 66. Widow of Sir Jack Westrup former Prof. of Music, University of Birmingham.

Sir Joseph Henry Pierre. At Bray, Berks, aged 80. Consultant surgeon, General Hospital, Port of Spain, Trinidad.

TELEVISION

At home with Ayckbourn

BELIEVING that all right-minded animals should now be in hibernation, I do not take naturally to the high jinks which seem to be compulsory entertainment on the box at this time of year.

And must we all go to Scotland on New Year's Eve? Not so if you are with Channel 4, which in Julia Migenes Johnson's live get-together Julia Live for 85, also did views the invaluable and unique service of showing the time ticking away in the bottom corner of the screen until the magic hour.

The B B C-1 and I T V midnight frolics north of the border quickly convinced me I would be happier asleep, though as with all live offerings, they had their moments of exquisite agony.

Unforgettable was the man at the Gleneagles caper, Live into 85 (B B C-1), who dried not once but twice after the first verse of what eventually proved to be a singularly unfunny monologue. Cameras panned anxiously across an audience of wilting fixed smiles until his desperate cries of "*Prompt*" were answered.

It was with relief that I turned last night to Alan Ayckbourn's healthily jaundiced view of what motivates parties and party-givers, **Absurd Person Singular** (B B C-1).

If as a whole the play seemed less tightly written than I remember it on stage, the central act in which a self-confessed "embarrassing smudge on a marriage licence" attempts publicly and repeatedly to take her life while surrounded by friends oblivious to her intentions, was as suicidally funny as ever.

Accurately charting degrees of English snobbery as exposed in the kitchens of three chosen households, two professional middle-class and one soon-to-be *nouveau riche*, Ayckbourn homes in unerringly on the failure of the three respective couples to achieve any emotional understanding of their spouses. Three successive Christmasses find different couples in crisis.

Other arts notices—P7

All characters were played with sensitivity and relish, none more so than Michael Gambon's architect, "a sexual Flying Dutchman" finally grounded by his architectural inadequacies rather than by his wife's attempted suicide.

As precisely observed was Geoffrey Palmer's bank manager, whose comprehensive inability to understand "this whole women business" found his wife, Prunella Scales in another inimitable performance, sunk into an alcoholic haze of self-reproach at the close.

Maybe Nicky Henson's up-and-coming businessman was too hesitant at the outset to account for his swift rise to power, but by the time he took to the rostrum to conduct the closing Christmas games, he had achieved Hitlerian intensity.

Lest I be accused of writing off New Year's Eve television merely as an ill-conceived party, let me praise **Global Report** (B B C-2) for attractively and judiciously marrying animation, graphics and personalised reports from round the world to show with feeling and insight how, despite its undoubted capacity to do so, the world is still failing to feed, educate and care for the health of its poorer millions.

Praise too for the 90-minute version of **Give Us a Break** (B B C-1), in which Geoff McQueen maintained the sharp, inventive dialogue which characterised the half-hour series from which it sprang. A little stretched perhaps, it nevertheless established its own pace and was blessed with a cast led by Robert Lindsay as Mickey Noades, living by nerve and wit on the fringe of the underworld, that played it on a knife-edge.

A last word for an inveterate party-giver. After **Another Audience with Dame Edna Everage** (C4), I look forward to yet another. As Mickey Noades might say, she is "a solid gold, first-class plum."

Robin Stringer

CHESTER RONNING

Chester Ronning, a Canadian diplomat who acted as an intermediary between Washington and Hanoi during the early years of the Vietnam war, has died in Alberta aged 90.

Mr Ronning was a fluent Mandarin speaker. He was credited with establishing diplomatic relations between Canada and China in 1970, almost nine years before the United States.

Born in Fancheng, central China, Mr Ronning entered the diplomatic service in 1942. He served in China, and Iceland; as Ambassador to Norway and High Commissioner to India. He was also a delegate to the United Nations and retired in 1965.

A year later he became a special envoy to try to initiate peace talks between Washington and Hanoi.

Albert Weinauer. At Berne, Switzerland, aged 63. Swiss diplomat who headed London Embassy 1971-76. Former chief trade representative, apointed number two in Foreign Ministry, 1976.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF CONACHE LIMITED. Court No. 005565 of 1984. Nature of Business: COMMODITY BROKERS. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock. Contributories On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF LONDON TANKER CO LIMITED. Court No. 005[illegible] of 1984. Nature of business: TRANSPORTERS OF BULK LIQUIDS. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock. Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. J. L. P. POPE, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

PERSONAL

Private £5 per line. Charity appeals £4 per line. Trade £9·30 per line.

O LORD our Lord, How excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength Because of thine enemies. That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
Psalm VIII, v. 1-2.

DARLING TECH YOU know I'm away but its imperative to say—Happy Birthday—deepest love—Always—Toady—XXXX.

RLG. — I just called to say — Happy Birthday darling, miss you.—MML.

JANET.— You are the brightest star in our sky.—Love John and Jamie.

STEVEN CHARLES KIRBY IS 21 today, love M., D. and A.

TO TIDDLEUMS, Happy Birthday and better health, all my love, Tod.

9. HNY. All my love D.I. J.Y. 10.

J.—HNY.—LYF.—E.

GRATEFUL THANKS to St Jude. — P.W.

SACRED HEART—2 thanks.—J.

THANKS Jesus and Mary.—W.

ST JUDE.—Grateful thanks.—M.N.

THANK YOU St JUDE. Happy 1984. C.

SACRED HEART of Jesus, grateful thanks.— E.M.C.

SACRED HEART of Jesus, thank you again.—E.M.C.

SH St Jude Thanks.—MC.

IN MEMORIAM. It is with deep regret that No. 19 (Fighter) Squadron announces the demise of another year's worth of targets; may we extend our thanks and condolences to Numbers 2, 3, 4, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 31 Squadrons.—FOX 11

BRINKMAN. — DAVID EDWARD BRINKMAN, late of Flat 3, 74 Barrow Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16, was found dead there on 15th August, 1983. (Estate about £3,000).
COLE, nee SUTTERS. — KITTY LOUISE COLE, nee SUTTERS, widow, late of 2, Foord Road, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent, died in Maidstone on 3rd February, 1984. (Estate about £6,000.)
HARDING, nee BAILEY. — MARIE HAYES HARDING, nee BAILEY, widow, late of Wallingford Community Hospital, Reading Road, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, died there on 29th December, 1983. (Estate about £2,900.)
HOLMES. — ALFRED HOLMES, late of 42, Darville Road, Stoke Newington, London, N.16, died there on 18th March, 1984. (Estate about £4,500.)
JONES.—WINIFRED JONES, spinster, late of The Mount, 35, Heath Road, Bebington, Wirral, Merseyside, died in Bebington on 4th March, 1984. (Estate about £11,700.)
ONIONS, otherwise FOSTER. — DONALD JAMES ONIONS, otherwise DONALD JAMES FOSTER, late of Yardley Grange, 389 Church Road, Yardley, Birmingham, died there on 13th June, 1984. (Estate about £36,000.)
ROBERTSON. — JOHN CAMPBELL ROBERTSON, otherwise CAMPBELL ROBERTSON, late of 8, Howard House, Barrington Road, Brixton, London, S.W.9, died there on 1st April, 1982. (Estate about £5,250.)
STOREY. — LEONARD CHARLES STOREY, late of 82, Malvern Avenue, South Harrow, Middlesex, died at Harrow on 9th July, 1984. (Estate about £55,000.)
WARD. — MARGARET ELIZABETH WARD, spinster, late of Whittingham House, Whittingham Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, died there on 8th April, 1984. (Estate about £5,000.)
THE KIN of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28, Broadway, London, SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

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IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1948 to 1981 and IN THE MATTER of SIDNEY WESTON LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948 that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held in the offices of CORK GULLY, Chartered Accountants, at Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on Tuesday, the 8th day of January, 1985, at 11.00 a.m. to be followed at 11.15 a.m. by a GENERAL MEETING of the CREDITORS for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's acts and dealings and of the conduct of the Winding-Up during the preceding year. DATED this 17th day of December, 1984. M. J. LONDON, Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT 1948. IN THE MATTER OF CLAREWOOD INTERNATIONAL FASHIONS LIMITED. Court No 005167 of 1984. Nature of Business: Manufacturers of clothing. Winding-up Order made 22nd October 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 2.00 o'clock. Contributories. On the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock. G. B. GILLVRAY, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER of D.C.M. FRUIT IMPORTERS (SALES) LIMITED. Court No. 005608 of 1984. Nature of business: Fruit and vegetable importers. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 2 o'clock. Contributories. On the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock.—G. B. GILLVRAY, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER of DUOROSE LIMITED. Court No. 00568[illegible] of 1984. Nature of business: Manufacturing sub-contractors to the garment industry. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors [illegible] January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 3 o'clock. Contributories On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.—G. B. GILLVRAY, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER of WOODMOOR LIMITED. Court No. 004897 of 1984. Nature of business: Building contractors. Winding-up Order made 22nd October, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 3 o'clock. Contributories: On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.—J. L. P. POPE, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER of MASTBILL LIMITED. Court No. 005226 of 1984. Nature of business: Financiers. Winding-up Order made 22nd October 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 11 o'clock. Contributories: On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock.—G. B. GILLVRAY, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF [illegible] LIMITED t/a WESTGATE [illegible]. Court No. 005692 of 1984. Nature of Business: Printers. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 3.00 o'clock. Contributories. On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock. G. B. GILLVRAY, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF [illegible] CONTRACTORS LIMITED. Court No. 004921 of 1984. Nature of Business: Building and decorating contractors. Winding-up Order made 22nd October, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 11.00 o'clock. Contributories. On the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF [illegible] LIMITED. Court No. 004885 of 1984. Nature of Business: Business and insurance consultants. Winding-up Order made 22nd October, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 2.00 o'clock. Contributories. On the same day and at the same place at 2.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

GUN BARREL PROOF ACTS, 1868 to 1978. In accordance with the provisions of the above Acts, the Master, Wardens and Society of the Mystery of Gunmakers of the City of London (the Gunmakers' Company) HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that they will on the 2nd day of January, 1985, provide and maintain a Branch Proof House at Enfield Lock, Middlesex EN3 6JL.

IN THE MATTER of TRANS-MERIDIAN AIR CARGO LIMITED (In Voluntary Liquidation). NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 299 of The Companies Act, 1948, that a meeting of creditors will take place at the offices of Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ on Tuesday, the 15th January, 1985, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of having laid before them an account of the Liquidators' acts and dealings and of the conduct of the winding-up during the past year. PROXIES to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the Liquidator at Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ, not later than 4.00 p.m. on the day before the meeting. DATED the 18th December, 1984. R. C. TURTON, G. A. WEISS, Joint Liquidators.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF UNITRAVEL LIMITED formerly P. A. KEN (Travel Agents) LIMITED. Court No 005047 of 1984. Nature of Business: Travel Agents. Winding-up Order made 22nd October 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock. Contributories. On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF MUSIC INTERNATIONAL LIMITED. Court No 004607 of 1984. Nature of Business: Recording Studio. Winding-up Order made 15th October, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock. Contributories. On the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF EVENTS LIMITED. Court No. 005614 of 1984. Nature of Business: Press and public relations consultants. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 11 o'clock. Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 11.30 o'clock. G. B. GILLVRAY, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF WENDTHORPE LIMITED t/a TARGET RECORDS. Court No. 005555 of 1984. Nature of Business: Record retailers and dealers in amusement machines. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock. Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. J. L. P. POPE, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF ELMAT W.L. PILING LIMITED. Court No. 005274 of 1984. Nature of Business: Foundation Contractors. Winding-up Order made 22nd October, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock. Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. J. L. P. POPE, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF A & F EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANTS LIMITED. Court No. 00[illegible] of 1984. Nature of Business: Employment agency. Winding-up Order made 22nd October, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 15th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 10.00 o'clock. Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. J. L. P. POPE, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF METALIMPORT AND CONTINENTAL FINANCES LIMITED, formerly 1. CONTINENTAL COMPENSATIONS LIMITED, 2. CONTINENTAL AND CENTRAL AMERICAN FINANCES LIMITED, 3. CONTINENTAL COMMERCIAL & FINANCES LIMITED. Court No. [illegible] of 1984. Nature of Business: DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS, COINS AND MEDALS. Winding-up Order made 29th October, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock. Contributories On the same day and at the same place at 10.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. IN THE MATTER OF [illegible] LIMITED. Court No. [illegible] of 1984. Nature of Business: [illegible]. Winding-up Order made 5th November, 1984. Date and place of first meetings: Creditors 14th January, 1985, at Room G20, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London, EC1N 2HD, at 3.00 o'clock. Contributories on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock. J. A. SELL, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

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The cry that must not go unheard...

BY LYNNE EDMUNDS

CHILD sex victims are usually disbelieved when they appeal to a relative, teacher or other adult for help.

Since the cry for help usually comes soon after the start of the abuse, - this is poignant enough, but it is now also clear, thanks to research by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children among others, that the number of these children (in all types of families) is far higher than was thought.

The NSPCC estimates suggest that at least 1,500 children are assaulted in this way each year, the majority being girls abused by their fathers, father-substitutes, close male relatives or friends.

Hence the launch of the NSPCC's new campaign, firstly to identify and rescue current victims, but also to build up a programme of prevention.

The charity is asking its workers, in collaboration with other professionals such as police, teachers and probation officers, to ensure that sex abuse cases are listed separately on the Child Abuse Registers now kept in many areas of the country.

The cross-profession co-operation aimed for has already worked well in the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary for 10 years and exists in some other areas.

Everyone involved realises how important it is for the abuse to be spotted, or the child's claim accepted, as soon as possible since, while the eldest daughter is the commonest victim in many families, the abuse is also often inflicted over the years on younger siblings. In a minority of cases, sons are victims.

Thanks to pioneering work in the USA and, now, here by the NSPCC and the international charity the CIBA Foundation, which advises professionals, it is possible to pinpoint "high risk" families.

Apart from a small number where *all* social and sexual relationships are in disorder, most include one or both parents who have themselves been sexually abused in childhood. The father may have a deep terror of abandonment, again because of early childhood experiences, and be a total failure at ordinary social relationships.

"There is a repressive pattern in this type of family," said Dr Arnon Bentovim, consultant psychiatrist at London's Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street. In the past 12 months he has worked with several of them.

Social counsellors working on the Incest Crisis Line in London, where present or past sufferers can appeal for help, reported in December that their data showed fathers in an "authority" position, such as soldiers, policemen, even traffic wardens, were named as abusing their children sexually more often than those in other types of occupation. The Crisis Line, set up over two years ago, investigates six new cases a week from its branches in the capital, Kent and Essex.

Added to the extremely unhealthy atmosphere within the family is often marital discord.

Mothers who do suspect abuse may be terrified of the chaos and shame that will result if they report it and the family is broken up. (As it is a criminal offence, the man *must* come to court.)

The children exploited in this way can themselves show symptoms: withdrawing, becoming "emotionally frozen," or the very young may be exceptionally sexually precocious.

(In later life the damage of having the most trusting and dependent of all relationships perverted and adult authority exploited in this way can often affect girls severely, pushing them into promiscuity or preventing them from being able to form a serious relationship.)

Getting children to express what is happening to them can be a major problem when they are very young.

Cheerful rag dolls used in America for years are now available for use in this country for play therapy. They have exact anatomical features and children can show in their play what they have experienced.

When the discovery of abuse is made, everyone agrees that the offender must be removed from the family at once. Ideally, all professionals, including police and lawyers, should liaise so that the child only has to tell the facts once.

"All children at risk should have the opportunity for a confidential discussion with an individual they can trust," is one CIBA recommendation. CIBA's new Abuse Within the Family study calls for more crisis telephone lines and self-help and voluntary groups to be set up for victims. Professional groups need training schemes and guidelines to help them work out prevention programmes.

But the over-riding concern, they stress, must be the protection and welfare of the victim and all other children.

This is where the most problematic area lies. Professionals such as Dr Bentovim and Carolyn Okell Jones of the Tavistock Clinic's Child Guidance Training Centre have found a great variety of demands from family members. Some of the parents are divorcing, some are willing to be reconciled; some victims never want to be back in the same household as their abuser, while others very much want their families back together.

The fathers are either just out of prison (where normally they get no treatment or help) or subject to a suspended or deferred sentence and living away.

But in every case the man must first admit that what he has done is wrong and damaging — and repent it. The mother must admit that, whatever the extenuating reasons, she has not protected her daughter (or son) adequately, and the other children must not blame their sister or brother for what has happened to the family.

Most importantly, the victim has to understand that he or she is in no way responsible or to blame.

"The child has to hear from the abuser that no matter how old she was, or how she responded to him, it is he and not she who's to blame."

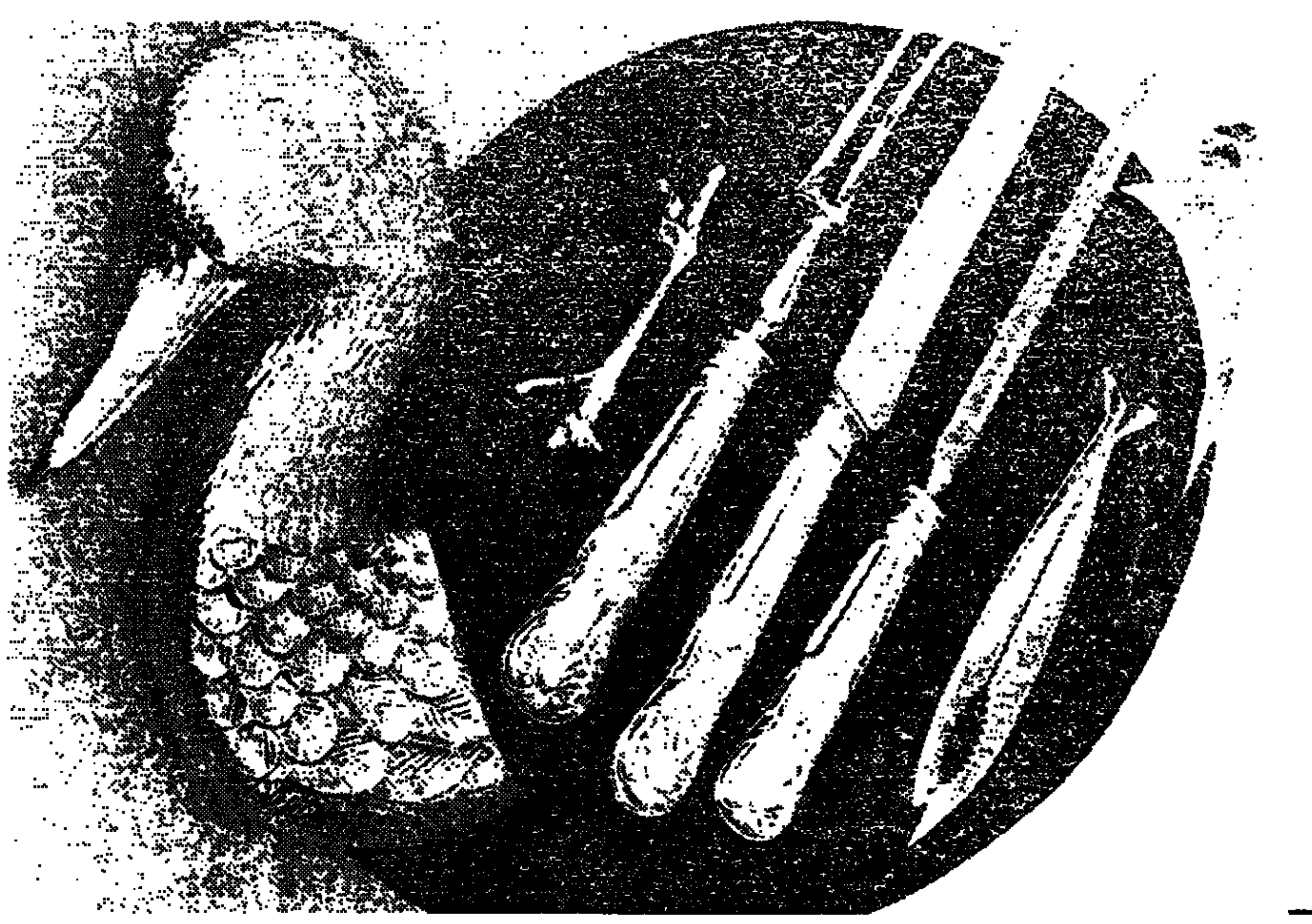
With expert help, some families are working back to a new relationship and in time, Carolyn and Dr Bentovim hope that some fathers can be accepted back into the home. But they are aware of the risks.

"It is very difficult to know if a solution will be right in the long term. Helping families doesn't always mean getting them back together and some victims say they never want their fathers back. Equally, abuse can re-occur."

Dr Bentovim believes there must always be an outside contact — social worker, teacher or doctor — with whom the victim is on close terms and can appeal to if need be. He feels that they can also be counselled so that, in that awful event of the abuse re-starting, they can defend themselves and object.

But, he admits, "the child could once again feel that the responsibility for speaking up and breaking up the family—maybe seeing her father in prison—is again all on her shoulders."

In that event the victim could suffer once more the long-term agony of being most at risk in his or her own home, from those closest and on whom they are most dependent.



PARTY PIECE

WHAT better way to spend a Christmas cheque than on a splendid house present that will prove a talking point at dinner parties?

This magnificent teak carving board with its silver-plated goose head, for instance, is part of a series that includes a turkey and a salmon.

Goose carving board costs £50·60 from Thomas Goode, South Audley Street, London, W1; silver-plated, dog spoon-rest from a set of six costs £19·95 the set from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London, SW1; carving set £102·20 and sleek, fish nutcracker £22·50, both from Thomas Goode. Picture by PAUL ARMIGER.

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VIEWPOINT

WHEN our 14-year-old granddaughter and her friend of the same age stayed a week with us, apart from one day when we took them to the Lake District, they spent all their time (after getting up about 10.30 a.m.) at the nearby seaside resort in amusement arcades, the pleasure beach or discos.

The little time they were in the house was spent in watching television.

When I suggested other and better ways (in my opinion) of spending their time, my wife told me not to interfere but to let them do what they wished to do.

But I wonder?

Are we really being kind if we allow and encourage children to do just what they want to do? Have we not a duty to steer them towards more worthwhile ways of spending their time?

Towards appreciation of the beauty and wonder of nature for instance, and to healthy, wholesome activities rather than the shallow, artificial amusements and trash with which they are bombarded?

I have realised in later life that I missed a lot through lack of guidance when I was young. I was well into my thirties before I discovered the beauty and pleasures of areas such as the Lake District, Derbyshire and North Wales.

Perhaps my ideas are old-fashioned. Yet I believe they apply today more than ever.

William Turner

Picture by
KENNETH MASON

WARMTH FROM EAR TO EAR

THE current fun accessory is a pair of ear muffs, with the head of a toy animal perched on each ear.

They look as though they should have been designed for children but in fact it's the grown-ups who are snapping them up, for warm winter wear for themselves, especially if they are skiers.

Fenwick reports terrific sales of furry, pink-and-white rabbit ear muffs, black-and-white penguins, and brown teddy bears, and is expecting huge additions to the menagerie any day now.

In our picture: pink-and-white rabbit ear muffs adjustable to fit any size from child to grown-up, from £4·95 a pair from Fenwick, New Bond Street, London, W1.

Ann Chubb

BOOK REVIEW

IT HAS been estimated that over 50 million meetings are held throughout the world every day, writes PAULA DAVIES.

The fact that so many of us spend so much of our time in meetings, from the civil service to the local tennis club, is indisputable. But what do we really know about them? According to Professor J. K. Galbraith, "meetings are indispensable when you don't want to do anything." According to another writer a committee is "a group of the unwilling picked from the unfit to do the unnecessary."

Advertising executive Winston Fletcher, has set out to show us how to behave at meetings. In his book, "Meetings, Meetings" (Coronet, £1·95) he explains how they can be brought to your satisfactory conclusion.

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FROM ITS OWN POINT OF VIEW, Unita's capture of three Britons, two Americans and 17 Filipinos is unlikely to be as profitable as its kidnapping of 16 Britons last February. Then Dr Jonas Savimbi, Unita's leader, was able to prevail on Sir John Leahy, at that time the senior Foreign Office diplomat concerned with African affairs, to leg it to southern Angola in order to preside over the return of the British hostages. Dr Savimbi's purpose, which he certainly achieved, was to extract maximum publicity for Unita and a hint of *de facto* recognition from the British Government.

The ploy having worked so well then, it is difficult to see how Dr Savimbi can pull it off to such effect this time. No doubt there is more publicity to attract, for the presence of two Americans among the hostages will ensure wide media coverage in the United States. But so far as official recognition is concerned the British and American Governments have gone as far as they can be expected to, short of sending ambassadors to Unita, which is hardly the done thing with a guerrilla organisation. Why then were the hostages taken? It is a reasonable guess that their capture was regarded by Unita as a kind of added bonus. Unita's first purpose in operating in and around Kafunfo has been to ruin the diamond industry, on which the Marxist Angolan Government depends so heavily for revenues, and to demonstrate to all and sundry that its guerrillas can still operate with impunity in the northern part of the country.

Dr Savimbi's hope now is presumably that he can use these British and American hostages to stage a little theatre. But he runs a danger not only of boring a number of people in the West by putting on the same show but also of alienating those whose natural inclination might be to support Unita, even to the point of supplying it with the arms of which it is in some need having been partially deserted by South Africa. There are even one or two in the British Government who would like to see a little help being given to Unita but, knowing the British public's distaste for foreigners who kidnap free-born Englishmen, they are now less liable than before to raise their heads above the parapet. The situation in America is unlikely to be very different. Dr Savimbi's many friends in this country, among whom Lonrho should be numbered, would do him a service by advising him to stop collecting hostages.

A COUNSEL OF DESPAIR

WIDESPREAD ACCLAMATION and expressions of public support for Bernhard Hugo Goetz, the "subway vigilante" who shot four muggers on the New York underground, indicate a mood in American society. In New York and cities like it, crime is the greatest hazard to law-abiding citizens; the poorer and more humble they are, the more vulnerable they are. They feel bereft of protection, not least because the judiciary and the political and academic establishments have become deeply imbued with over-riding sympathy for social deviancy and impatience with the law-abiding citizen, stemming from over-indulgence in the vicarious pleasures of transferred guilt, arising in turn from deep distempers of the psyche which are visited on ruling strata in mature societies. Hence, the rise of the vigilante as folk hero. When only one apprehended criminal in 200 comes before the courts in New York, and most criminals are not even apprehended, and when the police regard the courts as their main obstacle, the conditions for a vigilante vogue were bound to be created.

American liberals (who have nothing in common but the name with liberalism as we know it) believed that by limiting police powers and tipping the balance in favour of the defence, even if that meant the criminal, they would obviate police brutality and arbitrariness, ease the lot of the underdog, mitigate violence, and help racial minorities at the bottom of the pyramid. They have visibly achieved the exact opposite. Private brutality by the criminal has evoked far more brutal responses from the public than the police, trained in minimum force, would ever have countenanced. Black crime not only weighs directly on black citizens, but adds insult to injury by harming the reputation of a whole community. A major black civil rights movement has made the ultimate comment on this injustice by offering to meet all Mr Goetz's legal costs. There is a moral to be derived from the Goetz syndrome, which is not confined to the United States.

RACE RELATIONISM

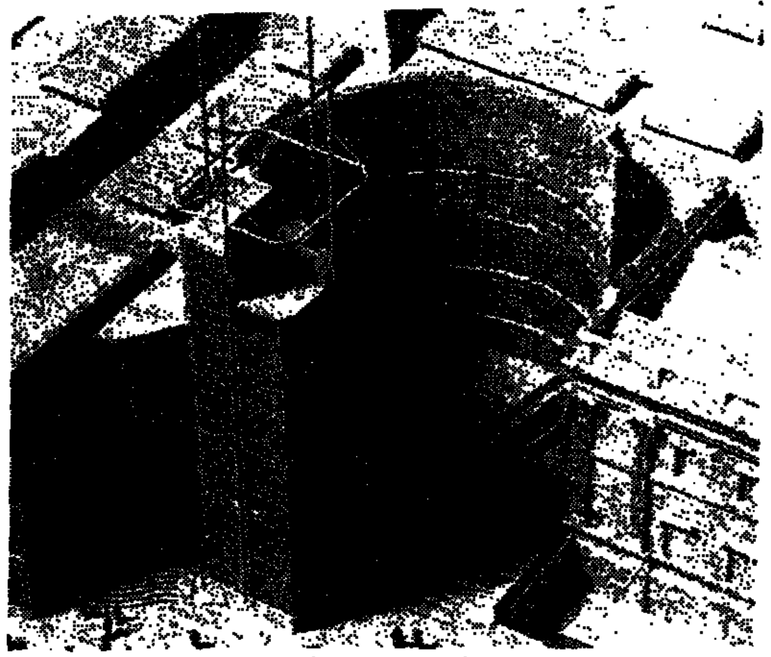
IT SEEMS THAT the public schools are due to be held up to public scorn for committing yet another crime against the spirit of the age. It has recently been reported that a forthcoming Government-funded survey will accuse the public schools of showing "a complacency bordering on downright neglect" over the position of ethnic minority pupils. The schools will be further condemned for failing to promote "multi-cultural policies." All of which leads the non-educationist to deduce that Britain sometimes suffers not so much from a race problem as a race-relations problem.

Worthy, perhaps, of greater scrutiny than the Aston University/Economic and Social Research Sciences Council survey are the conclusions of H M Inspectors in a report on "multi-cultural" education published in September which actually took account of the preferences of parents and children, rather than those of the race-relations industry. The report, based on 55 schools in four urban education authorities' areas, showed that the overwhelming majority of children of immigrant parentage refused to take up the offer of lessons in their "mother tongue." Parents had decided sensibly that their children should not learn Bengali, Urdu *et alia* if it meant forgoing other subjects on the curriculum thought to be more vocationally valuable. One suspects, too, that many children were delighted not to be singled out from their fellows and treated as an alien group.

In the private sector, however, parents have even greater freedom to reject the form of education offered by schools. If multi-cultural education were a genuine issue then parents would be the first to complain and remove their children. Yet for more than 100 years it has been the very desire to Anglicise their children which has drawn them to these institutions in the first instance. This unremarkable ambition could only cause offence to those who see the creation of a linguistically and culturally homogeneous society as an obstacle to the rise of a permanently disaffected under class, imbued with revolutionary grievances.

The architects with designs on our past

AFTER the ringing vote of No Confidence recorded in the National Gallery competition, the modern movement in architecture now looks forward to judgment in the Palumbo case. That is the proposal to erect opposite the Mansion House a design by Mies which the Prince of Wales calls "a giant glass stump better suited to downtown Chicago than the City of London."



Ahrends's proposed National Gallery extension.

No one need doubt that this is a test case for the modern movement. The result of the inquiry is expected early this year; but in many ways the *Zeitgeist* has already anticipated and overtaken it.

For even the modern movement (or its remnants) has acquired a debased view of its own purposes. What it once justified in aesthetic and ideological terms—that minimalist purity, that celebration of modern materials (steel, glass and concrete), that utter rejection of bourgeois refinement with its meaningless clutter of carvings, mouldings, lintels, pediments, cornices, arches and turrets—it now increasingly explains, or is apologising for, in terms of money. The clients, it seems, are too broke to afford anything else. The dreams of the profession can now be realised only by access to the bottomless capitalist purses.

Even, too, where the purse still runs—as in the new I B M building close to the National Theatre—the vision seems to have run out. Sir Denys Lasdun, doyen of the interwar modernists and the uplifting hand of the South Bank, is no longer prepared to expose the fearless granitic façades of his youth. They are still there, at the I B M headquarters: but overwhelmed, in 1984, by an acreage of greenery.

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IF the vision of the future lies more with Mr Philip Johnson's "Chippendale" fantasy for A. T. & T. in New York, or with Mr Quinlan Terry's "Queen Anne" Sandringham Court in Soho, a modest seven-storey block of flats and offices so popular with the public that it sold out without advertising, it is less clear what the future holds for architecture's other problem: conservation of what we have.

Mr Marcus Binney has recently produced a book* both stimulating and depressing on the continued destruction of fine country houses (and much else) in Britain. Historians who seek to explain the late 20th century's contempt for the past will find it an invaluable source.

The villains which emerge in its pages are in one sense as old as time: greed, taxation, neglect, impoverishment, though they appear in new and alarming guises. Others, happily, have been banished. The insensitive "restorations" beloved of the Victorians are not the curse of our age. "Taste" is no longer destroying a whole era of architecture with the abandon of, say, the Normans wiping out Roman remains, or, until quite recently, the modern movement obliterating Victorian buildings.

Timelessly, though, it is Government which emerges as the great uncalculating destroyer of the age. Take, for example, the £60 million National Land Fund, established as a memorial to the Second World War dead by Mr Hugh Dalton in 1946, its enlightened purpose, the preservation of our best historic houses and to assist the retention of their greatest works of art.

Five-sixths of that sum was wiped out at a stroke of the pen of Mr Enoch Powell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, in 1957. The destructive consequences of that single act compare in extent (*vide* Mr Binney's several books) to the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII, which brought about a comparable numerical loss of outstanding mediaeval building. The inflated value of £60 million, had it been retained, would now be some £700 million, by my figuring; over £1 billion, by that of Lord Charteris, chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

No less guilty than Governments, however, of the neglect of conservation are architects. In an enlightened country, one might expect this fine body of men to be in the vanguard of concern for the best building of the past: but not in Britain. It is not architects who have laboured over 30 years to bring about the creation of Town & Country Planning Acts, conservation areas, spot-listings and real powers for the Historic Buildings Commission; nor is it they who have fought at Westminster and through the Press to create a National Heritage Fund freed from the wiles and dictation of the Treasury.

Rather, it is devoted amateurs like Mr Binney and Miss Sophie Andreae, chairman of Save Britain's Heritage, who raise the alarm, produce the scholarly work and tour the unhappy estates whose houses have been bought only to let them fall into ruin, upon which demolition is sought and rows of terraced houses can be built instead within the park.

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"IS it true," asked Sir Hugh Casson with embarrassing candour in 1974 (he was writing in a sensitive volume called "The Future of the Past"), "that buildings are often being preserved today not so much for their architectural merit as through fear of what will replace them?"

The question was loaded to produce an anti-conservation answer but it speaks volumes on the real fears of modern architects. For conservers and architects are nowadays on opposite sides of a great divide and directly threaten each other. Every row of Georgian terrace houses, every Victorian mill and warehouse whose loss Mr Binney deplores is not just an absolute loss, but one which will be made worse by the substitution of something almost certainly inferior. For the architects, the past has become something which overshadows their own achievements and arouses their hostility. Its gradual destruction is essential not only to their prosperity but also to their self-respect.

"More often than not to build is to destroy," noted Sir Hugh, all too accurately; "no wonder perhaps we cling to what we know." Cling to what we know? Most members of his profession would put it far more rudely. We can expect to hear vituperation if this great conflict over the Mansion House ends in victory for the conservers.

GODFREY BARKER

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* *"Our Vanishing Heritage" (Arlington Books, £12·95).*

LONDON DAY BY DAY

The top names for 'Telegraph' babies

PUNKS, MOHICANS and "gender-benders" notwithstanding, 1985 is joined with the reassuring news that at least the choice of names for our children remains generally constant.

My annual survey of the most popular names in the "Births" column of this newspaper last year discloses that for the second year running Charlotte is the favourite for girls followed, as in 1983, by Sarah and Victoria. In the boys' department, James is once again the leader and his runners-up, Thomas and William, also remain as the previous year.

My monitors live in different parts of the country and there are regional preferences but they agree that after the leading three boys' names, Alexander, Edward, Christopher, Nicholas, Oliver, Andrew and David make up the top 10. The leading girls are followed by Emily, Lucy, Emma, Katherine, Laura and, for the first time, Hannah and Sophie.

Rebecca and Alice seem to be falling from grace as are Robert and Jonathan and although the impact of Prince Harry has yet to be felt the upcomers are Joseph, Joshua, Camilla, Harriet and Holly. For those planning children this year we have had a few odd names too, including a Santiago, a Socrates, a Swee and an Ulf.

... and for the pets

LAST YEAR, for the first time, I carried a survey of favourite dogs' names, taken from the files of Peterborough's tame veterinary surgeon.

Like 1983, Ben has emerged as 1984's most popular name from a sample of more than 1,000, followed by Sam, William, Jason, Dougal, Charlie, Snoopy, Max, Jamie and Toby. Sophie, 1983's favourite name for bitches, has dropped to sixth place despite its improved showing in the human league, and its place has been taken by Emma, followed by Gemma, Tessa, Kate, Zoe, Rita, Susie, Lucy and Kim.

My vet reports several odd names emerging, notably a Sue-Ellen, a Dallas, a Selena and . . . a Wogan. There is also a Porsche ("I've always wanted one and this is the nearest I'll ever get . . .") and a pair of labradors who answer to Torvill and Dean.

President Reagan's secret-service bodyguards, responsible for providing round-the-clock protection here, it seems, been spotted out jogging around Washington in tee-shirts bearing the motto: "You elect them. We protect them."

Trenchant verse

BRITAIN'S POETS of the 1914-18 War will soon be honoured for their testament to the horror and pity of the Western Front, with a memorial in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey.

Among the 16 to be so commemorated are Wilfred Owen, Siegfried Sassoon, Edward Thomas and Edmund Blunden. There will, however, be one famous war poet who will not be on parade—Robert Graves, one of our finest poets and the author of a graphic autobiographical account of the trenches, "Goodbye To All That." He is, of course, still alive.

The proposed memorial follows an immense revival of interest in their work and a spate of succesful collections of their verse. The Dean of Westminster, Edward Carpenter, is looking for £7,000 to pay for the stonework and I understand a public appeal will be made shortly.

Wrong track

BRITISH RAIL'S surprise presentation to Gilbert Greenfield, Chief Clerk at the Old Bailey, to mark his retirement after 51 years commuting from East Farleigh, Kent, was somewhat undermined when he arrived and told them he had in fact been commuting for only 15 years.

Station staff pressed ahead with the presentation ceremony anyway, at such length that Greenfield missed his train for the first time ever and had to be driven on to Tonbridge to catch another.

Honourable mention

ONE OF THE MOST unusual citations in the New Year's Honours List accompanied the C B E awarded to Canon Charlie Moule, former Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, "for services to theology."

While honours for services to the Church are common enough, churchmen cannot recall an example to match Moule's citation which follows a lifetime's distinguished work, including 25 years as a professor, studying the New Testament.

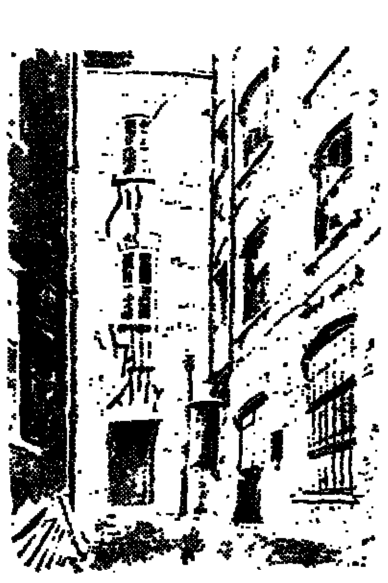
Floating an appeal

METHUEN, publishers of the Pooh Bear books, have given £200 towards the cost of repairing the public footpath leading to the wooden bridge made famous by A. A. Milne — a sacred path trodden by thousands annually which has led to a £1,000 restoration bill.

The parish council at Hartfield, East Sussex, which maintains the path, asked the publishing house for a contribution towards the wear and tear caused by Pooh devotees who tramp across the bridge and who insist on playing "Pooh sticks" in the water below.

Counting your chickens

ONE OF THE MANY alleys which lead off Fleet Street, Hen and Chickens Court, contains the Verger's House attached to St Dunstan-in-the-West, a building which is to be comprehensively restored if the City Corporation gives its assent.



In need of repair.

In a rundown state, the brick front is cracked in several places and timber frames have been inserted in the windows in an attempt to prevent collapse as my drawing by Geoffrey Fletcher shows.

As number 184a Fleet Street the house could become a prestigious address if its conversion into three flats goes ahead.

A peer less

THE DEATH last April of Lord Michelham passed so unnoticed that officials in the House of Lords were not aware that it had happened until the recent publication of his will and the details of his massive fortune.

Nevertheless the city of Geneva will have good cause to remember Michelham, who lived there for 40 years, because he left a substantial part of his £32 million estate to local charities for the elderly and handicapped. The rest will help promote technological research in the Third World.

Michelham was a member of the Stern banking family and inherited £2 million from his father in 1919. The family resources were further enhanced when the contents of their London house in Arlington Street were auctioned for half a million pounds in 1925. The 30-bedroomed house itself went for £75,000.

The title would now appear to have died out as Michelham had no heirs. Who's Who's slender entry notes that the peer married for the second time at the age of 80 four years ago.

On hire perches?

AN advertisement in the Helston and District Free Gazette says: "Wanted — second-hand parrot or minah bird for our son at Christmas. We cannot afford a new one."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feeling unwanted by the church

SIR—Conservationists, traditionalists, and orthodox Anglicans will be united in their appreciation of your remarkable leader on the Church of England (Dec. 24).

Whereas Elizabeth I's Reformation Settlement was largely successful in retaining the majority of English people within the Established Church, and the settlement of the 1660s still achieved considerable comprehensiveness, the present situation in the Church of England is different.

Now it is the "new look" or "radical" men who largely occupy positions of leadership and authority, while traditional church people feel that they are not wanted. Unless there is a tremendous "U-turn" in the near future, the 1980s will see the Church of England following the example of the Episcopal Church in America with its series of withdrawals and schisms.

The people who really believe the Creed which they say in church will feel that they can no longer serve under those who do not believe it. The withdrawals are bound to follow the patterns of "churchmanship"—"high," "low," "middle of the road" as in North America. For good measure, there could be further splintering of those who favoured "A S B" or Prayerbook. All this is almost inevitable.

It is strange that in a generation that has been concerned with the claims and desirability of "ecumenism" we should be on the brink of the formation of three or more new groups of people who feel that the Church of England can no longer offer them a valid spiritual home.

PAUL FAUNCH
Reigate, Surrey.

Just the job

SIR—While I think I understand what Mr Robin Page was getting at in "Making the most of losing a job" (Dec. 27), the answers to his many views and observations are, regrettably, very simple.

First, we never hear from those with boring jobs because the media is not interested in such people and how else could those concerned get their message across to the public.

Second, it would be very nice if some of us could follow our own interests, but (a), and again, how do we get the publicity needed to change our patterns of life and (b), who is going to pay the mortgage and the bills if insufficient money can be earned following our "own interests."?

Third, Sir Clive Sinclair (referred to by Mr Page) and thousands of others like him could do a great deal about giving people the chance to give up boring jobs, but life isn't like that.

A. J. SMITH
Bramley, Surrey.

Backward attitude to technology

SIR—I was interested to read Mr Kenneth Miller's letter (Dec. 27) concerning "the place of engineering in education."

Perhaps Mr Miller should not be surprised by Mr Enoch Powell's attack on Mrs Thatcher regarding an expansion of scientific and technological education as being the path to barbarism.

Mr Powell is a classic example of the English definition of a "Liberal education." Unfortunately the classical liberal education concept has influenced academic education and, in turn, the power structure of Parliament and the higher civil service for over 200 years.

Indeed, Mr Powell's comments regarding "the path to barbarism" is analogous to Matthew Arnold and "Culture and Anarchy" of the 19th century. The three 19th century Royal Commissions on Science and Technical Education, (The Devonshire Commission 1871), and the two Samuelson Commissions (1875 to 1881) did little to resolve the lack of technological education in the 19th century.

Though most of the 19th-century redbrick university colleges were founded by local entrepreneurs to facilitate the advancement of technological education, they never equalled the contemporary German Wissenschaft system of advanced technological education. By the end of the 19th century most of the "redbrick" university colleges had resorted to teaching a classical liberal education.

The truth of the matter is that as a nation, our attitude towards not only technological education but also business education has been rather backward. Even with the post-war development of the "new universities" and polytechnics, we have never succeeded in matching the German Wissenschaft experience.

Mrs Thatcher is to be commended for her efforts in emphasising the importance of science and engineering and entrepreneurship to the nation. However, Mrs Thatcher has three major attributes which no other British Prime Minister has had. Apart from being the first woman Prime Minister, she also previously held the office of Secretary of State for Education and Science and she is a scientist.

The liberal classical education concept is still very much ingrained within the English academic system, and is a major cause of the syndrome known as "the English disease" which became apparent from the late 19th century onwards.

There are still many truths to be learned from the pages of both the Devonshire and Samuelson Commissions. One sometimes wonders whether Mr Callaghan's Ruskin Lecture of 1976 and Mrs Thatcher's efforts will eventually succeed where Devonshire and Samuelson did not.

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Bristol.

A remote tier of local government

SIR—I must reply to Cllr. John Gunnell, Leader of West Yorkshire County Council (Dec. 27), regarding his criticisms of my views concerning the abolition of the metropolitan counties.

To him they may be "tedious replay of themes constantly propounded by Government ministers." To many of us, they are a sensible desire to see decisions made by local people who understand local problems and not least to quell the growing concern at the remoteness of the second tier of unnecessary local government.

Cllr. Gunnell produces figures to support his views, suggesting they are conclusive. The average man knows only too well that anyone can produce figures to support almost any argument. He also shows great concern about the benefits of economically priced public transport. This however, is the view often put forward to scaremonger. What he sees as economically priced public transport, is in all probability, a loss-making heavily subsidised operation. Who pays anyway? The ratepayer; let us not forget that.

Finally, Cllr. Gunnell suggests the key to my desire to see Merseyside County Council abolished is the yearning to rejoin "Cheshire, of which we used to be a part." He also states he will be "watching carefully for Wirral making any representations in that direction." In this respect, let me say, I have never, nor will ever advocate "going back to Cheshire" administratively. Before 1974 we gained little on this peninsula from Cheshire and I feel Wirral can stand on its own. Geographically, I stated we were part of Cheshire: which has been and will always be the case.

What I advocate is that we on Wirral should be able to make as many decisions concerning our borough, as possible locally. That is, without recourse to an administration some way off from which we are separated by the River Mersey.

(Cllr.) MATTHEW BANKS
Wirral.

Saving Kedleston Hall

SIR—Speculating on the means of saving Kedleston Hall and its contents from the threat of sale and dispersal, your comment in *London Day by Day* (Dec. 28) correctly stated that the National Trust would require an endowment before it could take on this great Adam house. The piece went on to assert that the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission would need "only a modest annual payment from the Government" to maintain the property.

The first priority is to find a solution which preserves Kedleston and it is not my intention here to argue the merits of one proposal against another. It is rather to clarify the comparison you drew because it betrayed a confusion which can only cloud the issue.

The National Trust as an independent charity needs an endowment for a property of this kind because it would have an obligation to care for it in perpetuity. The Trust accordingly seeks to ensure that a capital fund, set aside and invested at the outset, will provide adequate income in future years to meet all the considerable net costs of maintenance after taking into account visitor and other income. Should there prove to be a shortfall at a later date, that would have to be met out of the Trust's own resources, not by recourse to public funds to supplement the endowment.

It is misleading to describe such a method of financing as more expensive than one which, if a net deficit were to arise on the property, would fund it out of an annual revenue income provided largely by way of grant-in-aid from Parliament. The true alternative implied in your column was an open-ended commitment on the part of the Government to annual revenue financing through the H B M C, or a once and for all fixed capital sum by way of endowment through the National Trust. Annual financing would not necessarily prove the most economical route for the nation in the long run.

ANGUS STIRLING
Director-General,
The National Trust,
London, S.W.1.

Bearded layabouts

SIR—Does Mrs R. Dorothy Cole (Dec. 28) believe Mr Terry Waite would "work better, take some pride in his job and perhaps have a sense of loyalty to his firm" if the Archbishop of Canterbury put a ban on beards for his staff?

Is it conceivable she does, however, approve the ban being lifted at weekends when Mr Waite, amongst thousands of bearded Christians, enters God's house?

Did Jesus Christ have a beard?

S. C. DOBLE
London, W.4.

As old as man

SIR—Mr W. T. C. Angus (Dec. 28) praises Lord Soper for saying that the abolition of field sports could assist in "stopping the selfishness and violence which is sweeping the land."

Field sports are as old as man, and in this country they are a lawful activity. The League Against Cruel Sports, of which Lord Soper is President, is a relative newcomer to the scene.

Even more recent has been the upsurge in violence used against followers of field sports. They have become used to being spat at and sworn at. But now their homes and properties are damaged and hounds and horses injured.

Mr Angus condemns this sort of behaviour and urges support for the League Against Cruel Sports, an organisation which he indicates is different from those with "dubious political affiliations" and "revolutionary ideas" linked to animal rights. But is it?

I would challenge Lord Soper to state in your columns that he would have nothing to do with any organisation that would give support to those who advocate law breaking and violence in the name of concern for animals.

JOHN HOPKINSON
Director, British Field Sports Soc.
London, S.E.1.

Loaded with cash

SIR—The predicted collapse of the strongroom floor at Stockport Post Office (your recent report), due to the introduction of the £1 coin, makes me wonder how our postmasters coped with the florins and half-crowns a generation ago.

Allowing for a tenfold increase in prices since the 1950s, we now have a very close equivalence between the present one, two, five, 10, 20, 50 pence and £1 coins, and the old ¼d, ½d, 1d, 3d, 6d, 1s and 2s coins respectively.

D. C. THOMSON
Leeds.

The real killer

SIR—Of course, as Mr John Skelly says (Dec. 21), there were fewer accidents during the petrol shortage. There were fewer cars on the road. No one knows what effect the lower speed limit on its own had on accidents.

If Mr D. A. C. Hutchinson stays in either of the overtaking (*not fast*) lanes of the motorway after he has finished passing a car or lorry then he deserves to be flashed at to remind him to move over. It does not matter what vehicle you are driving, if you are going more slowly than the rest move to the inside lane.

I have heard many a police officer say that "bunching" is the main course of concertina accidents.

Speed does not kill, bad driving does.

R. CHANDLER
Llangernyw, Clwyd

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Cold War concern on 'nuclear bullseye' is revealed in 1954 Cabinet papers

Churchill voiced fears over U.S. bases in Britain

By ALAN COPPS

FEARS that American bases in East Anglia would make Britain the "bullseye on the target" for Soviet nuclear weapons were expressed by Mr Churchill in a letter to President Eisenhower which is among the 1954 Cabinet papers released today under the 30-year rule.

The Prime Minister was also concerned at the lack of information on American atomic tests, and there were Cabinet fears that America could plunge the world into nuclear war while it held overwhelming superiority in the weapons.

In his letter to Mr Eisenhower, Mr Churchill also sought to reassure him that his proposal for talks with the Russians, at the height of the Cold War, would not harm American interests.

These views were expressed while the Government was ordering production of thermonuclear weapons. Britain had already exploded an atomic bomb, but the Cabinet was told development of a "more economical" hydrogen bomb would cost less than £10 million.

Mr Churchill's argument for going ahead was that only through possessing the most up-to-date weapons could Britain maintain its position as a world power and especially its influence over American actions.

Reduced risk

The minutes show clearly that the Cabinet was aware of the opposition that could be expected to nuclear weapons.

But the minute says: "It was at least possible that the development of the hydrogen bomb would have the effect of reducing the risk of later war.

"At present some people thought that the greatest risk was that the United States might plunge the world into war, either through a misjudged intervention in Asia or in order to forestall an attack by Russia.

"Our best chance of preventing that was to maintain our influence with the U.S. Government, and they would certainly feel more respect for our views if we continued to play an effective part in building up the strength necessary to deter aggression than if we left it entirely to them to match and counter Russia's strength in thermo-nuclear weapons."

To counter fears of public concern, Ministers pointed out that the previous Labour Government had already ordered atomic bombs.

Mrs Joan Ruddock, leader of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, said yesterday that she hoped C N D would be able to make use of the disclosures.

"It's extremely interesting. Here we have a man at the beginning of the nuclear arms race who recognised it for what it was—extremely dangerous, probably no real form of defence and likely to bring about the end of the world," she said.

C N D line

Mr Churchill's concern about the American rôle and his fears about bases in East Anglia making Britain a target were exactly in line with current C N D views.

If he were still alive he would probably have realised by now that the holding of nuclear weapons had not achieved the aim of maintaining our influence with America, said Mrs Ruddock.

Mr Keith Speed, former Tory Navy Minister, countered her claims by saying that C N D needed a history lesson. Over the past 40 years deterrence had worked, and it was the nuclear balance that had prevented such crises as Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Afghanistan becoming global conflicts.

FREDERIKA PLEA OVER CYPRUS

Queen Frederika of the Hellenes made a personal appeal to Mr Churchill in 1954 to discuss Cyprus. But her "long and emotional" five-page typewritten letter signed "Frederika R" was dismissed in London as "interfering in politics."

She wrote that Cyprus "seems to become a cause for estrangement between Greece and England. This should not be." The Prime Minister replied that while the island was of vital importance to the defence of the Middle East and of the Mediterranean, "disturbance of the present regime could do nothing but harm to us all."

GAG ON HITLER'S 'WILL'

By ALAN COPPS

PUBLICATION of a document described as Hitler's "last political will" was opposed by the 1954 Cabinet, which feared that the Fuehrer's vision for Europe's future coincided too closely with its own policy towards Germany.

Lord Simonds, the Lord Chancellor, advised: "There is some risk of foolish talk to the effect that our German policy is to do just what Hitler and Ribbentrop wanted—or professed to want."

However, he ruled out legal action and recommended persuasion to prevent publication of the views which were contained in a letter from Von Ribbentrop, the former German Foreign Minister, addressed to Mr Churchill, Prime Minister, and Mr Eden, Foreign Secretary.

The advice was given at a time when the Churchill Government was anxious to support Chancellor Adenauer's attempt to put West Germany back on its economic feet.

The Ribbentrop letter, although undated, had first been received in London on June 17, 1945, just three days after the former Foreign Minister had been captured by British troops in Hamburg. After standing trial at Nuremberg, he was eventually hanged in October, 1946.

Stalin copy

In 1945, on Mr Churchill's instructions, copies of the letter were sent to Stalin and President Truman and it was circulated to the Cabinet, but although its existence became known to the Press its contents were kept secret, as Ribbentrop had requested.

However, a full five-page version, together with a four-line covering letter addressed to Field - Marshal Montgomery appears in the Prime Minister's papers released under the 30-year-rule.

Although rambling in tone and full of self-justificatory statements from Ribbentrop, the essence of the letter is summed up in the passage: "In spite of all disappointment and embitterment about the repeated English rejection of the German offers, the English-German collaboration has to his last hour always been the political creed of the Fuehrer."

It concludes: "The war is lost for Germany. In spite of this fact, I am of the Holy conviction that the bringing about of a real friendship between the English and the German people is a fundamental necessity. The Fuehrer was of the same opinion and has therefore entrusted me to inform you."

An 80th birthday study of Winston Churchill. The photograph was taken at Downing Street on Nov. 26, 1954.

'Hangman's noose' torture for prisoners in Korea

METHODS of Chinese torture practised on British prisoners of war in Korea are outlined in a secret War Office memorandum.

The 978 British soldiers held in camps were the first British troops to be taken captive by a Communist country.

In winter, prisoners marched barefoot on to a frozen river. Water was poured over their feet and men were left for hours frozen into the ice.

"A favourite trick was to bind a prisoner hand and foot with a rope passed over a beam, fixed as a hangman's noose around his neck. He was then hoisted up on his toes and the spare end of the noose rope was tied to his ankles.

The prisoner was told that if he slipped or bent his knees he would be committing suicide and that his captors could not be held responsible as his life was in his own hands."

The War Office report said the prison camps became the battleground for a war of minds.

The Chinese aimed to convert at least a minority of prisoners to Communism.

Between January and August 1951, food, shelter and medial attention were so inadequate that more than 1,600 United Nations prisoners were reported to have died.

"Re-education" in Marxist theory took the form of compulsory lectures, study sessions, written examinations and manipulation of food and medical supplies.

"For those who refused to co-operate, "the Chinese had recourse to methods of physical coercion and torture, revolting to the humane mind and expressly forbidden by the prisoners-of-war convention."

The "normal" treatment in solitary confinement was to be made to stand or sit at attention in silence from 4.30 a m to 11 p m. There was no bedding, and even prisoners with dysentry were allowed to visit the latrine only once or twice a day.

At one camp, the Chinese built boxes about five feet by three feet by two feet for men in solitary, and one private of the Gloucesters spent six months in such a box.

The memorandum said about 40 British soldiers returned home convinced communists. Officers, NCO's and two-thirds of the private soldiers were virtually unaffected by the propaganda.

"Viewed in the light of the resources at their disposal, the success of the Chinese may be considered comparatively small."

Plot to discredit Sir Winston with 'Mussolini letters'

By DAVID MILLWARD

DETAILS of a bizarre plot to discredit Sir Winston Churchill, when he was Prime Minister in 1954, with allegations that he had engaged in secret correspondence with Mussolini, are disclosed in the Cabinet papers.

From 1947 to 1954 the Foreign Office was alarmed to hear from embassies in several European capitals that newspapers locally were carrying compromising stories about Mr Churchill, as he then was.

It was being alleged that he not only engaged in clandestine diplomacy with the Italian dictator, but tried to cover up the evidence afterwards.

The story first surfaced in the GIORNALE D'ITALIA in March, 1947, which alleged that Mr Churchill made a secret visit to Italy after the war to try and abstract incriminating evidence from Mussolini's archives.

Sir Orme Sargent, Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office advised Miss Jo Sturdee, Mr Churchill's private secretary, to issue a formal denial.

But in 1951 the allegations resurfaced in a far more sinister form. The Publicity Department of the British Embassy in Madrid reported to Whitehall, regarding "compromsing letters".

"They are variously reported as being in the hands of a number of unscrupulous persons, mostly Italians, who are demanding from their author sums of money ranging from $50,000 to $100,000 for their return."

Mr David Hunt, Mr Churchill's private secretary at Downing Street was unconcerned. On Nov. 6, 1951, he wrote to Mr Michael Wilford, Mr Anthony Eden's private secretary at the Foreign Office:

"I have seen this old story in the Italian press. I do not think it worthwhile paying any attention to it."

But early the following year a detailed history of the "Mussolini papers" appeared in an influential right wing Belgian paper: LA LIBRE BELGIQUE, which prompted the British Embassy in Brussels, to contact Wilford in Whitehall.

Details leaked

According to this report Mussolini, shortly before his death, in 1945, had entrusted the "Churchill letters" to a devoted follower, Col Gerolmini.

On April 23, 1945, Gerolmini, who was himself hanged, passed the papers in a sealed attache case to Lieut. Enrico De Toma, who was told to take them out of the country to an Italian Jew living in Switzerland.

Although De Toma was sworn not to open the papers for seven years some details emerged to the embarrassment of British diplomats in Brussels.

The allegations were finally laid to rest when the De Toma papers were opened to scrutiny and dismissed as forgeries by Professor Toscano, the vice president of the Italian commission responsible for diplomatic documents.

RED FACES ON CRICHEL DOWN

THE EXTENT of the Government's embarrassment over the Crichel Down affair which culminated in the resignation of Sir Thomas Dugdale, the Minister of Agriculture, in 1954 is disclosed in the Cabinet papers.

Sir Thomas resigned because he followed the principle of "Ministerial responsibility" for the actions of civil servants within his Department who had been severely criticised in a public inquiry by Sir Andrew Clark, Q C.

The affair, which was brought to public notice in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, involved 725 acres of land at Crichel Down, Dorset, which had been compulsorily purchased by the Air Ministry in 1940 for use as a bombing range.

In 1950 the land was transferred to Ministry of Agriculture which duly handed it over to the Agricultural Lands Commission for management.

This Commission formed part of the Ministry of Agriculture and it in turn sold the land to the Commissioner for Crown Lands — in this case the Minister for Agriculture.

While, thanks to his officials, Sir Thomas was selling the land to himself, the former owners and neighbouring farmers put in their own bid.

Mounting pressure

Some of the land formed part of the Crichel Estate. It was compulsorily purchased from Lord Alington and an attempt to buy it back was made by Lt-Cdr Marten, whose wife had succeeded to the estate. Two neighbouring farmers submitted applications to be considered as tenants.

The initial bid was turned down and the disappointed farmers demanded a public inquiry which was held at Blandford on April 21-23. Sir Andrew Clark's report, which singled out five civil servants for severe criticism, came as a bombshell to the Cabinet.

Sir Thomas initially accepted the Clark proposals, but amid mounting pressure from the Civil Service the Government decided on a compromise of establishing a three-man committee to investigate whether the civil servants concerned should be transferred.

But this delaying device worried Mr Churchill

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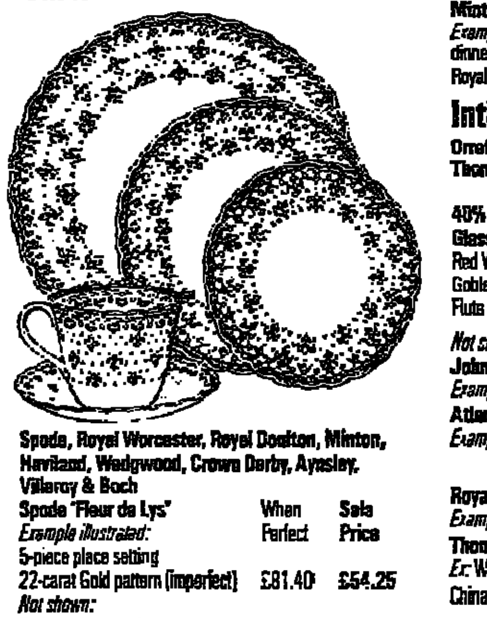

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PAY DAY: January 21.
BARGAINS TRANS: 17,233.
RISES: 412. **FALLS:** 163.
UNCHANGED: 1,209.
EQUITY TURNOVER: (Dec. 28):
Number of bargains 14,810;
value £189·38 million.
Shares traded: 115·9 million.

F.T. STOCK INDICES, December 31, 1984				
Indust. Ord.	952·3 +	7·1	952·3	755·2
Govt. Secs.	81·71 +	0·08	83·77	75·72
Gold Mines	478·9 +	4·8	711·7	452·2
Fixed Int.	85·35 −	0·01	87·48	80·43
Ord. Div. p.c.	4·53 −	0·03	5·29	4·23
Earn Yld p.c.	11·51 −	0·09	12·39	9·00
FT-SE 100:	1232·2 +	6·6	1232·2	986·9

LONDON stock markets put up an impressive performance on Monday, the last trading session of 1984. The main indices established new record levels. Interest in equities focused on New Year share recommendations, but buyers were also nibbling in other directions.

Some market professionals were expecting a mood of anti-climax after the traditional bout of New Year enthusiasm, but another school of thought was that institutional and public investors still have money available for what they regard as attractive buying opportunities and that this will preclude anything more than a minor technical correction on the short-term.

The market is still short of good-class stock, hence a situation where further investment interest would force share values to greater heights. With the general tenor of economic predictions for 1985 giving no cause for alarm, some brokers believe that the market could enjoy another boost from the Government's successful battle against inflation and expectations allied to prospective tax cuts in the Budget on March 19.

In any event, Monday's markets finished in good heart, with the "30" share index 7·1 higher at a new record of 952·3, a rise of 22·8 p.c. on the year; the "100," which was introduced early in 1984, also climbed to a new peak of 1232·2, up 6·6 on the day.

Government securities were scarcely tested as investors were held in check by continued weakness in sterling but the undertone of the section remained quite steady and dealers were hopeful that the resumption of more normal trading conditions after the New York holiday will see more action.

The sector is still regarded as having basic attractions in terms of the yield structure, but experts suggest that revived investment activity is unlikely to develop in any great degree until operators receive new signals on interest rate prospects.

The most talked-about share of 1984, **British Telecom,** ended a shade firmer at 105½p, a premium of 55½ on the 50 paid issue price. Other leaders to meet attention were **Thorn-E M I,** 17 higher at 464p, and **Trusthouse Forte,** 5 better at 146p. **Imperial Chemical Industries** ended 1984 on a quiet note at 736p, but showed a 15·7 p.c. advance on the year.

On the other hand, 1984's worst performer among very well-known companies, **Johnson Matthey,** ended 2 easier at 66, a drop of 74·6 p.c. on a year which witnessed the disaster in the group's banking business. **Barget** were suspended at 11 (9.30 a.m.) pending clarification of the company's position.

The Argentine credit agreement with the International Monetary Fund prompted a firmer tone in leading bank shares. Net gains of 5 to 9p were secured by **Lloyds,** at 537p, **National Westminster,** at 597p, **Barclays,** at 567p, and **Midland,** at 574p. Elsewhere in financials, **Mercantile House** again attracted takeover speculators and rose 10 more to 354p.

In the drinks sector, **Arthur Guinness** were 12 up at 244p following comment in the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, but further consideration of the takeover denial saw profit-taking in **Matthew Brown,** which reacted 30 to 280p.

"Questor's" selection for 1985 attracted a good deal of interest, with **Hanson Trust** taking the starring role at 345p, a rise of 15 **Glass Glover** advanced 23 to 298p, **Coats Patons** 8 to 148p, **F H Tomkins** 7 to 145p, and **British Land** 6 to 149p.

Firm spots in the building section included **Costain Group,** at 366p, **Barratt Development,** at 80, and **Phoenix Timber,** at 142p, the last-named on favourable comment. **S G B,** whose results are due January 17, moved up 6 to 142p.

There was solid support for **Lucas Industries,** at 255p, **British Aerospace,** at 373p, and **Rank Organisation,** at 292p, while **Blue Arrow,** the recent favourite in the unlisted securities market, advanced 6 more to a new "high" of 130p.

Isle of Man Steam Packet rose another 7 to 135p on vague takeover gossip.

Three ex "rights" quotations brought extra business in the shares concerned. **Pilkington Brothers** "old" finished 9 up at 300p, after 308p, while the "new" were 50p premium, after 55p premium. **Carlton Communications** "old" closed at 640p and "new" at 52p premium, while **Burgess Products** "old" ended at 112p and the "new" at 52p premium.

New Year tips lifted **Quest Automation,** 5 up at 80p, after 91p, **T S L Thermal Syndicate,** 9 higher at 95p, **M F I,** 8 better at 263p, **McCorquodale,** 7 to the good at 190p, and **Helene of London,** 4 up at 27½p. In the new issues section, **Candover** climbed 14 more to 219p, compared with the issue price of 160p.

In the property section, **Gresham House** advanced 25 to 275p and **Espley Trust** 4 to 20p, after 25p. **Sheafbank** reflected comment and closed 4 better at 33p, after 34p, but **Mountview Estates** were on offer at 322p, a fall of 8.

Buyers were quite active in foods, with **Ranks Hovis McDougall** well to the fore (10 up at 138p) on further consideration of last week's cheerful report and revived takeover suggestions. Bid whispers were also heard in **Wm Low,** 10 higher at 523p, while **Tate & Lyle** improved to 442p, **Cadbury Schweppes** to 163p, and **Northern Foods** to 210p.

J Hepworth remained a buyer's favourite in the stores sector and the shares powered to a new peak of 188p, a rise of 14p; on the year, the shares showed a gain of 154 p.c. **Burton** rose to 418p, **Debenhams** to 215p, **Great Universal "A"** to 707p, **Bentalls** to 81p, and **Ward White** to 205p.

Bullion was unchanged at $309 and gold shares showed little sign of life. However, better levels were recorded by **Western Holdings,** at £24⅞, **St Helena,** at £14⅝, **Buffels,** at £30⅛, and **Durban Deep,** at £12½. **R T Z** were firmer at 587p after comment in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH mining column.

Oils ended a disappointing year on a rather drab note, although there was some support for **"Shell" Transport,** 5 better at 653p, and **Jacksons Exploration,** 8 higher at 103p. **British Petroleum** eased to 485p, after 483p, and **Britoil** to 200p.

Tailpiece Share of the Year

THE selection for the "TAILPIECE Share of the Year" is **Northern Engineering Industries.** With the average yield on leading industrials running at 4½ p.c., the 8·8 p.c. return available on N E I at the present price of 85p seems very attractive for this well-known manufacturer of electrical, electronic and mechanical equipment.

Spice is added by an undemanding price/earnings ratio of under nine, a healthy balance sheet and an always present possibility of a takeover offer. Now emerging from a major restructuring operation, the company looks destined for increased market attention and it is not unreasonable to anticipate a favourable share price re-rating over the months ahead.

It is thought that several bigger companies have been running the slide rule over N E I, currently capitalised at around £185 million, backing the feeling that 1985 could witness developments on the takeover front. In the circumstances, the shares look a fair two-way bet.

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1984-85 High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
450	352	Church & Co.	450	..
242	190	FII Group	212½	− 4
178	105	Garner Booth	178	..
48	35	Headlam Sims	35	..
200	104	Lambert Hth.	200	..
133	71	Newbld & Brtn	88	..
92	70	Pittard Grp.	81	..
333	105	Strong & Fisher	145	+ 7
170	79	Stylo	148	..

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Stock	Price	+ or −
352	175	BAT Inds.	351	− 1
75	54½	Carroll Inds.	75	..
180	137	"Imps"	176	− 1
181	112	Rothmans	179	..

RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue Price			
64	Bairstow Eves (nil pd)	10 pm	+ 1
175	Birmhm Mint (nil pd)	40 pm	..
60	BurgessProp (nil pd)	52 pm	..
486	CarltonComm (nil pd)	165 pm	..
65	Carrs Milling (nil pd)	26 pm	+ 2
115	Notthm Brick (nil pd)	32 pm	..
265	Pilk'stn Bros (nil pd)	50 pm	..
178	Westpac (nil pd)	62 pm	..

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
160	Access Satellite	194	+ 2
140	Alida Holdings	166	..
100	Breakmate	116	..
130	Brit. Telecom (50p pd)	105½	+
105	CVD International	160	..
160	Candover	215	+
115	Craton Lodge	195	..
—	EuroInvest Bank (£50pd)	£52½	..
£93½	Exch 9¾% 1991 (£30 pd)	£59	..
170	Fineland Oil	140	
78	Gabbicci	96	
28	Healthcare Services	26	
210	Iceland Frzn Foods	368	
—	Inds. Scotland Engy.	125	
146	Instem	157	
—	Johnson Mt 8% CPref	140	
85	Klark-Teknik	116	
—	Kinnsley & Forester	64	
117	Media Technology	174	
—	Monument Oil	26	
140	PSM Int.	169	
130	Penny & Giles	152	
70	Plasmec	74	
92	Process Systems	94	
—	Racal 7% conv	122	
20	Rex Williams	22	
140	Share Drug Stores	207	
110	UPO Holdings	124	
136	Wardle Storeys	167	

TOURIST RATE

Australia	1·39 dollars
Austria	25·00 schill
Belgium	71·50 franc
Canada	1·52½ dollar
Denmark	12·94 krone
Finland	7·54 markk
France	10·99 franc
Germany	3·59 marks
Greece	*157·00 drach
Holland	4·05 guilde
Iceland	*48·00 kro
Ireland	1·16½ punt
Israel	720·00 she
Italy	*2,210 lira
Japan	290 yen
Malta	*0·62 pou
New Zealand	2·33 dollar
Norway	10·44 kron
Portugal	*195·00 esdos
South Africa	*2·35 ranc
Spain	*197·75 pstas
Sweden	10·32 kror
Switzerland	2·94 franc
Turkey	500·00 lir
United States	1·15 dolla
Yugoslavia	*277·00 dars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.
*Subject to limit

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High/low
Long Gilt	Mar	106·10	106·17—106·10	463	110·13—106·10
	Jun	106·23	105·30—105·25	35	105·30—105·23
US T-bond	Mar	71·14	71·14—71·09	183	72·23—69·28
	June	70·23	70·24—70·20	40	72·24—70·20
3 month £	Mar	89·71	89·82—89·70	302	90·54—89·44
	June	89·63	89·75—89·54	23	90·1[illegible]—89·54
3 month Euro-dollar	Mar	90·58	90·58—90·52	1280	90·7[illegible]—88·04
	June	90·00	90·00—90·00	29	90·1[illegible]—89·63
Sterling	Mar	1·1568	1·1610—1·1530	42	1·277—1·1530
	June	—	— —	—	—
D-mark	Mar	—	— —	—	0·342—0·3190
	June	—	— —	—	—
Swiss Franc	Mar	—	— —	—	0·40[illegible]—0·3918
	June	—	— —	—	—
Yen	Mar	—	— —	—	0·41[illegible]—0·4010
	June	—	— —	—	—
FT-SE 100	Dec	122·95	125·05—122·90	32	123·5—97·6[illegible]
	Mar	123·16	125·30—122·55	105	125·0—112·10

Contracts specifications include:
Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000
US T-bond—notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000
3 month sterling eurodollars—£250,000 US$ 1 million with cash settlement option.
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face values of £25,000, Dm 125,000 SwF 125,000 and Yen 12,500,000
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JULY	PUTS Closing Offer (P) JAN.	APR.	JLY
BP	460	40	47	52	4	14	22
BP	500	10	25	30	25	37	43
Comm. Union	160	30	32	36	1	4	11
Comm. Union	180	11	20	23	3	10	24
Cons. Gold	460	36	47	57	5	14	21
Cons. Gold	500	14	28	35	26	40	60
Courtaulds	120	9	15	17	3	5	7
Courtaulds	130	3¼	11	12	6½	10	13
GEC	220	7	14	21	9	11	15
GEC	240	1½	7	12	26	30	32
Grand Met.	300	19	27	33	6	15	17
Grand Met.	350	4	10	18	25	32	35
ICI	700	46	64	72	5	12	20
ICI	750	14	28	40	24	36	46
Land Securities	300	16	22	28	5	5	15
Land Securities	350	2	8	13	22	21	29
Marks & Spencer	110	13	17	20	1	1	6
Marks & Spencer	120	5	7½	12	6	4	12
Shell	600	60	67	75	4	13	16
Shell	650	30	52	42	18	35	37
Traf. House	300	14	46	51	1½	4	7
Traf. House	330	5	23	30	5	9	15

Option	Ex'cise Price	FEB.	MAY	AUG.	FEB.	MAY	AUG.
Barclays	500	52	42	57	15	23	30
Barclays	550	8	17	25	37	50	55
BAT Inds	320	35	42	50	5	13	20
BAT Inds	360	20	25	37	18	22	30
British Telecom	100	10	14	17½	2	5½	8
British Telecom	110	5	6	10	7	10	13
Imperial Grp	160	20	22	27	[illegible]	5	8
Imperial Grp	180	6	10	13	11	15	16
LASMO	300	32	42	47	6	13	18
LASMO	330	19	30	37	20	30	35
Lonrho	160	14	17	20	5	9	11
Lonrho	180	4	7	9	15	18	20
P & O	300	15	21	27	8	14	20
P & O	330	5	10	16	27	23	36
Racal	260	16	26	32	9	12	15
Racal	280	7	13	20	22	26	30
R.T.Z.	600	24	37	33	35	44	52
R.T.Z.	650	8	13	22	74	52	87
Vaal Reef	[illegible]	9½	12	16½	4½	5	10½
Vaal Reef	[illegible]	5	8	10½	9	15½	16

TOTAL CONTRACTS: 5,7

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Citibank set for insurance field

By ANNE SEGALL

CITIBANK of New York, one of the biggest banks in the world, is poised for a major move into the British insurance market as part of a worldwide plan for financial diversification.

The Citibank move will put it ahead of its British bank rivals and could point to another revolution in the financial services sector in Britain, involving links between banks and insurance companies.

The importance of insurance in the range of financial services being offered to the public was recently highlighted by the £664 million BAT Industries bid for Hambro Life Assurance.

Citibank is regarded as a far-sighted and dynamic player in world financial markets. It was one of the first banks in the world to spot the opportunities thrown up by the changing City environment.

In November 1983 it established links with leading stockbrokers Vickers da Costa, anticipating similar moves by Britain's own clearing banks.

The link with Vickers was extended, in September this year to include another major stockbroker, Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee.

As the first step Citibank has launched an insurance subsidiary of its own called Citibank General Insurance Company Limited. Permission for the company to start dealing in insurance was obtained in mid-November from the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. Citibank General formally opened for business yesterday.

Initially Citibank will concentrate on accident and sickness insurance, but the bank is understood to have much wider ambitions, including a major move into life insurance.

This is almost certain to involve the acquisition of an existing British insurance company, providing yet another spur to an already lively insurance sector. Citibank is rumoured to have been a close rival of BAT in moves to acquire Hambro Life and may thus now be casting around for a suitable alternative.

The possibility of making an acquisition is said by a Citibank source to be "under close investigation," although no names are being mentioned yet.

Citibank is already a major force in Britain with estimated assets here of around £7 billion. Judged by the size of its balance sheet it ranks as Britain's fifth biggest bank.

Earlier this month Citibank *became the first foreign bank* to be accepted as a British clearing bank after a nine-month review of the British payments system carried out by the clearers.

Pru business creeps ahead

NEW LIFE assurance business figures from The Prudential Corporation illustrate the impact both of tax changes in the last Budget and of fears that the coming March Budget will tax retirement pensions in some form.

New annual premiums in 1984 rose just 3 p.c. from £308m to £317m, but single premiums increased by 34 p.c. from £276m to £370m.

Total for long-term sums assured with the Prudential rose to £21·3bn from 1983's £18·9bn.

Yearlings up

INTEREST rates in the local authority bond market have risen—from 10½ p.c. to 10 5/16 p.c. Issues are again all at par and borrowers include City of Birmingham District Council and Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council (£2m each); Brighton Borough Council, Buckinghamshire County Council (£1m each); and City of Newcastle upon Tyne (£½m); and Ellesmere Port & Neston Borough Council, Borough of Northampton, and Beverley Borough Council (£500,000).

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group 612·00 (+4·13)
"500" ...... 650·07 (+3·61)
All-share ...... 592·94 (+3·20)

Advent Capital raises £36m

A PLACING of £36 million of shares for Advent Capital represents what is thought to be the largest single fund-raising exercise for a British venture capital fund. About 32 p.c. of the cash came from a series of major investors such as Monsanto, Guest Keen and Nettlefolds' pension fund, British Petroleum and Siemens.

Another 44 p.c. came from investors who are already participating in two previous venture capital funds set up by Advent. The same executives will be administering the new fund.

BAT anger at 'fruitless' probe

BAT Industries, one of the best performing blue chip stocks in 1984, ended the year attacking the American Federal Trade Commission's investigation into charges that it violated anti-trust law with its acquisition of carbonless copy paper maker Appleton Papers in 1978.

Following a unanimous vote in its favour, BAT's chief executive in the United States, Charlie McCarty, said: "We have been needlessly subjected to six years of tremendous expense, effort and business uncertainty in defending our rights."

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Societies lend 25pc more

BUILDING societies reasserted themselves in the mortgage market during 1984, increasing their lending by 25 p.c. to £24 billion while the clearing banks cut back their domestic mortgage lending considerably.

National Westminster's new lending was £678 million in 1984—only two-thirds of the 1983 total. Barclays' gross advances at £650 million were close behind, but other banks have failed to meet their lending quotas. Midland announced a quota of £500 million at the start of the year but has actually lent only £125 million.

Even though bank interest rates on mortgage loans were lower than building society rates for much of the year, banks report lack of demand for their loans. Now the societies are flush with available funds and are reducing the differentials which made banks more attractive for larger loans.

With earlier loans now being repaid as borrowers move house, the banks have found their loan books remaining stable despite the further lending. National Westminster now has £2·85 billion of mortgage debt outstanding, Barclays £2·4 billion, Lloyds £1·9 billion and *Midland £1 billion.*

Last year some of the banks' mortgage books were as large as the major building societies', but the societies' continued growth means that even National Westminster would probably not squeeze into the top ten as a building society.

During 1984, assets of all societies grew from £86 billion to over £100 billion.

Barget requests quote 'freeze'

BARGET, the trading and contract services company, called for a temporary suspension of its stock market listing on Monday pending clarification of its financial position.

Back in June it announced a tumble from a profit of £401,000 to a £1·26 million pre-tax loss for 1983 and revealed it had started legal action to recover debts due from a company associated with Jose de Venecia, chief executive of the privately-owned, Hongkong-based Tinnox Holdings, which has a 58 p.c. interest as a result of a partial offer "rescue" bid for Barget in 1980.

Suspended at 11p, the company is currently capitalised at just under £1 million, against the equivalent of £13·2 million at its peak in 1983.

Sterling plunges to another low

By CLIFFORD GERMAN

NOT for the first time the pound fell to a new all-time low while shares prices rose to an all-time peak on New Year's Eve.

Sterling initially strengthened as dealers took the view that the Opec agreement in Geneva was better than nothing, but the year-end demand for dollars in a thin market sent sterling down to a trading low of $1·1563 at midday.

The dollar was already strengthening against all leading currencies before Bankers' Trust confirmed the change in sentiment in the United States by raising its broker loan rate from 9¾ p.c. to 10 p.c. By the close of business the dollar was a little below its best of the day, but still closed almost one pfennig up on balance at 3·1515 marks and one rappan higher at 2·6025 Swiss francs.

Sterling closed in London at $1·1587, down 0·4 on the day at its lowest-ever closing level against the dollar. The pound's effective average value, down 0·1 initially at 73·1, slipped to 72·8 at noon, just 0·1 above the previous trading low, and closed at 73, equalling the previous closing low.

The year-end also brought a record credit shortage of £1·4 billion in the London discount market, caused almost entirely by the unwinding of the temporary facilities provided for the banking system at the beginning of December to cope with shortages caused by applications for British Telecom shares. Initially the shortage was estimated at £1·25 billion, raised to £1·5 billion at lunchtime and finally to £1·4 billion.

The Bank bought £401 million of bills in the initial round of help, plus a further £480 million at midday together with a new sale and repurchase arrangement for £30 million.

New money was scarce and dear throughout the day, opening at 9½ p.c. and closing at 9¾ p.c. Three-month money in the interbank market straddled 10 p.c.

Wall Street ignores gloom

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

WALL STREET managed to uphold the law of averages and ended the old year on a high note on Monday. Most share price indicators squeezed out modest gains despite light trading and gloomy interest rate signals for the New Year.

With institutional orders noticeably absent from most exchange floors share buyers apparently cleared up their traditional end-of-year tax selling and began bargain hunting in the final hours of the old year.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average of 30 key shares rose 10 points during early trading and clung to a 7·40-point advance as the final bell sounded.

The closing at 1,211·57 left the key share price indicator 75 points below its high point for the year, set January 6 when the Dow touched 1,286·64.

Key share indicators from other boards suffered declines from their 1984 high-water marks of as much as 14 p.c.

Adding to the gloom, Bankers Trust of New York startled money market clients by jacking up the broker loan rate it charges stockbrokers from 9·25 to 10 p.c. The move was a reflection of the recent rise in bank capital costs, although most analysts still believe United States interest rates will continue their two-month downtrend well into January.

On the international debts front the Argentine Government responded to the recent $6·4 billion package of rescue loans provided over last weekend by paying $850 million in overdue interest due by New Year's Day.

The payment was made possible by a $500 million credit from the United States treasury granted last Friday. The International Monetary Fund later approved a $1·4 billion package of standby credits and other loans.

UNIT TRUST PRICES

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126·0	97·5	Abbey American Tst	118·6	126·2
73·2	57·8	Abb Invest & Earn Tst	68·4	*73·2
80·4	67·0	Abb Capital & Energ.	74·6	79·8
108·8	86·6	Abbey General Tst	101·5	108·7
122·6	114·3	Abbey Gilt & F. Int.	111·8	*118·5
73·2	58·4	Abbey H. Inc Eq.T.	68·1	73·2
187·6	157·2	Abbey Japan Trust	163·9	175·3
70·2	57·2	Abbey U.K. Grth. T.	64·1	68·9
160·1	107·8	Abb. Worldwide RF.	150·0	*160·1
160·7	124·8	Equities Prog. Tst	148·1	158·4

AITKEN HUME FUNDS MANAGEMENT LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
57·7	49·5	American Manag Fd	53·7	*57·5
138·1	110·5	American Tech. Fd.	122·8	132·0
42·0	39·5	Energy Fund	37·6	40·4
644·2	503·5	Exempt	607·1	644·2
75·7	52·5	Japan Tech. Fund	66·8	71·6
156·3	117·2	Pacific Fund	131·7	140·5
146·2	117·7	Secure Income Fund	136·0	146·2
30·9	25·5	Small Companies Fd	28·2	30·1
172·4	145·4	Special Sits. Fund	158·4	*169·4

ALLIED UNIT TRUST LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
405·6	333·0	Allied Accum. Trust	399·5	425·5
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Amer. Inc. Tst	28·3	30·0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Asi Spec Sits	55·9	60·1
161·4	127·7	Allied Aus. Val. Tst	152·3	*161·4
285·0	226·9	Allied Balanced Tst	267·0	*283·8
196·5	[illegible]	Allied Capital Trust	185·6	196·5
100·2	78·8	Allied Ex Inc Trust	93·8	*98·8
166·3	132·8	Allied Fund Trust	156·9	166·3
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Gilt Growth Tst	31·1	32·6
31·6	27·7	Allied Govt Sec Tst	28·2	29·5
105·9	85·5	Allied Growth & Inc T	100·0	106·0
183·4	146·5	Allied High Inc. Tst	173·0	183·4
119·0	[illegible]	Allied High Yield T	112·3	*119·0
69·9	55·6	Allied International Tst	64·2	68·0
71·7	51·8	Allied Japan Trust	66·0	*70·6
115·4	88·3	Allied Met Mins & Cm	88·9	94·2
159·9	119·9	Allied Overseas Earn T	145·2	*155·9
159·9	99·9	Allied Pacific Trust	121·6	*130·0
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Recovery Tst	52·3	55·4
99·1	84·2	Allied Smaller Co's T	89·5	*95·3
131·9	105·5	Allied Sec Sm Co's T	121·5	131·0
180·1	135·0	Allied Sec of Amer T	168·7	*178·8
88·6	74·8	Allied Technology T	85·6	91·6

ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
55·5	41·6	Capital Fund	50·1	*53·5
57·7	44·1	Capital Acc	54·0	57·7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Commodity 10% Wdl	44·4	47·4
[illegible]	78·1	East. & Intnl. Acc	100·9	107·8
[illegible]	[illegible]	East. & Intnl 5% Wdl	58·[illegible]	62·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Finance & Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
71·3	56·7	Foreign Growth Fd.	63·5	67·9
49·2	[illegible]	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd	44·4	46·7
57·7	47·8	High Income	54·0	57·7
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income Acc	118·1	126·5
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Inc. 10% Wdl	68·6	73·3
61·0	54·4	High Yield	57·1	*61·0
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield Acc	137·1	*146·6
[illegible]	[illegible]	North Amer. & Intnl	[illegible]	74·6
[illegible]	[illegible]	Preference	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Preference Accum	69·5	*74·6
[illegible]	72·4	Smaller Co's Fund	82·2	87·9
[illegible]	[illegible]	World Penny Share	9·0	9·6

ARCHWAY UNIT TST. MNGRS.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
[illegible]	[illegible]	Archway Fund	202·2	*215·1

CANADA LIFE UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
90·2	72·3	Canlife Gen. Dist	85·6	90·2
136·2	109·4	Canlife Gen. Accum.	129·4	136·2
37·0	32·1	Can. Gilt & Fix Int Dist	34·3	36·1
61·0	52·3	Canlife Income Dist	57·8	61·0

CANNON FUND MANAGERS LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
249·6	188·6	Income	234·6	249·6
134·0	106·7	Far East	126·0	134·0

CATER ALLEN UNIT TRUST MNGRS.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
113·2	103·0	Cater Allen Gilt Tst.	101·7	108·0

CHIEFTAIN TRUST MANAGERS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
53·5	38·8	American Trust	43·1	46·2
27·4	21·0	Australian Trust	22·8	[illegible]
58·2	38·8	Basic Resources	38·3	38·9
70·1	53·7	Far Eastern Trust	63·4	67·1
37·3	29·5	Global Recovery Tst	32·5	34·8
47·0	38·3	High Income	38·8	*41·7
40·1	32·1	Income & Grth. Tst.	37·2	39·9
66·7	53·3	International Trust	57·2	61·4
21·5	20·3	Pref & Gilt	18·8	20·2
38·4	32·1	Smaller Co's	31·6	33·8
33·6	27·2	Special Income Sits	30·7	32·9

CONFEDERATION FUND MNGMT.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
165·2	135·6	Growth	157·0	165·2

COUNTY BANK UNIT SERVICES LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
225·4	179·9	Capital Trust	211·9	225·4
54·0	49·4	Energy	46·5	49·4
125·6	104·7	Extra Income	116·9	124·5
93·2	76·6	Financial Trust	87·6	93·1
52·4	49·5	Gilt Strategy	49·7	*51·7
226·1	177·4	Growth Invest Trust	211·5	225·0
99·2	80·1	Income Trust	92·5	98·4
85·3	62·5	Japanese Far Grth.	75·8	80·4
100·5	72·2	Nth Amer Grwth Tst.	83·7	*89·1
143·4	119·7	Portfolio Inv. Fd.	132·2	*141·5
101·6	75·8	Recovery Trust	89·4	95·1
140·7	111·5	Smaller Co's	129·5	140·7

CRESCENT GROUP

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
75·3	60·7	Crescent American	67·3	72·0
59·7	46·5	Crescent Capital Fd.	55·8	59·7
101·4	81·5	Crescent Grwth & Inc	94·4	101·0
97·2	67·9	Crescent High Dist.	77·3	82·7
171·5	134·8	Crescent Intnl	160·8	[illegible]
115·9	90·7	Crescent Tokyo Fd.	107·4	114·9

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
107·8	87·9	Crown American Tst	100·0	107·0
169·8	131·7	Crown Growth Trust	159·1	170·2
170·9	145·6	Crown High Inc. Tst	160·4	171·5

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MNGMT.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
79·4	68·0	Discretionary Inc	72·7	76·8
135·7	114·1	Discretionary Acc	123·8	130·7

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
275·7	222·1	Equitable Pelican Uts.	256·6	273·0

EQUITY AND LAW UNIT TRUST

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
104·7	78·0	Far East Acc	94·6	100·6
187·6	152·1	General	176·6	187·8
88·6	78·4	Gilt Fxd Int Tst Acc'n	82·9	87·2
159·5	112·4	Higher Inc. Tst. Acc.	150·0	159·5
129·4	95·9	N. Amer. Tst Ac. Un.	116·1	123·5
116·4	90·6	UK Grwth Tst Ac Un.	109·5	116·4

GRIEVESON MNGMNT.—BARRINGTON FUNDS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
235·3	194·7	European	225·7	*235·3
703·8	570·0	General	665·2	701·7
922·0	746·7	General Accum.	868·8	919·2
118·1	108·2	Gilt	109·5	*112·7
64·1	51·3	High Yield	59·8	*63·7
118·5	89·7	High Yield Accum.	110·6	117·7
130·6	99·9	Japan	125·3	130·8
240·3	200·8	North America	214·1	*224·5
279·1	226·1	North American Acc.	245·4	256·1
103·5	85·2	Pacific	95·0	97·8
112·9	92·6	Pacific Accum.	105·9	109·2
269·9	222·3	Smaller Co's	255·7	*269·9

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE UNIT MNGRS.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
120·6	111·3	GRE Gilt & Fixed	113·6	118·1
156·0	113·1	GRE Grwth Eqty Tst	146·6	*156·0
120·8	92·9	GRE North America	115·1	120·4
149·7	108·8	GRE Pacific	133·6	[illegible]
154·9	118·1	GRE Property Share	144·6	153·9
162·5	125·8	GRE Small Co's	151·8	161·5
240·5	182·1	Guardhill	225·1	240·5

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
120·5	91·3	American Recovery	107·3	*115·4
69·8	58·5	Australian Tst	63·3	67·1
55·7	40·5	American Small Co's	46·0	49·5
121·9	97·0	Extra Income	113·4	*121·9
50·8	36·5	Cap. Growth Inc	45·3	48·4
54·5	40·6	Cap. Growth Acc	51·0	54·5
126·6	80·6	European	119·6	126·6
91·3	78·6	Financial	84·7	*90·6
57·6	54·2	Fixed Interest	52·6	*55·7
50·6	43·9	Gilt Fund	44·7	47·0
52·4	45·2	Global Health Care	48·6	51·5
108·3	80·1	Global Technology	92·0	*98·4
126·2	105·2	High Income	117·9	126·2
79·6	60·9	Income & Assets	74·4	79·6
103·8	81·8	Inc. & Growth Inc.	97·6	*103·8
192·6	146·3	Inc. & Growth Acc	181·0	192·6
118·1	95·0	International Trust	110·4	118·1
100·2	76·5	Japan Special Sits	93·6	99·2
95·4	73·3	Japan Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
154·9	99·5	North American	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	72·7	Oil & Nat. Resources	[illegible]	[illegible]
51·0	48·8	Pref. & Gilt	46·0	*49·6
81·4	64·1	Recovery	76·5	82·5
76·7	66·5	Small Co's Div.	68·4	73·2
100·6	79·2	Spec. Situations Inc	94·1	100·6
138·6	108·0	Spec. Situations Acc	129·6	138·6
268·4	229·6	Worldwide In.	249·5	262·6

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST. MNGMT.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
415·5	326·6	British Trust	388·4	415·5
77·5	58·1	Capital Trust	72·8	77·5
164·3	137·6	Dollar Trust	154·4	164·3
61·2	49·1	European Trust	57·5	61·2
96·8	70·8	Far East Trust	90·9	*96·8
250·1	198·2	Financial Trust	242·6	258·1
129·80	125·80	General Exempt Tst	129·80	129·80
29·4	25·6	Gilt & Fixed Int	27·3	*28·4
40·2	35·4	Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	37·8	39·3
49·3	40·2	High Yield Trust	46·3	49·3
59·5	46·6	Income Trust	55·9	59·5
98·1	77·8	Intnl. Trust	92·2	98·1
34·4	24·1	Japanese Tech	29·7	31·6
41·9	30·0	Natural Resources T	31·3	33·4
135·9	99·5	Security Trust	127·7	135·9
51·6	37·5	Smaller Comp Trust	48·5	51·6
79·5	64·6	Special Sits. Tst	73·0	77·1

KEY FUND MANAGERS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
165·5	116·5	Key Equity & Gen	155·9	165·5
62·6	57·7	Key Fixed Int. Fd	57·4	61·1
148·8	123·7	Key Income Fund	138·3	148·8

MINSTER FUND MANAGERS

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
95·8	91·3	Minster Fund	89·8	95·8

MONTAGU UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
50·5	40·2	Gold & Prec. Metals	40·5	43·2
50·3	40·2	Gold & Prec. Met Ac	40·9	43·6
60·0	45·8	Japan Performance	[illegible]	[illegible]
60·1	41·3	Japan Perform. Acc	[illegible]	[illegible]

UNIT TRUST ACCOUNT & MNGMT.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
94·0	76·3	Friars House Fd.	88·5	94·0

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MNGRS LTD

CROWN LIFE ASSURANCE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
175·6	150·0	Inv. Fund Income	166·8	175·5
276·2	214·7	Equity Fund Acc	262·4	276·2
201·5	178·6	Fixed Int. Fd. Acc.	187·5	197·3
256·7	196·8	Intnl. Fund Acc.	231·8	244·0
299·5	243·9	Inv. Tst. Fd. Acc.	284·6	299·5
251·1	211·2	Managed Fund Acc.	238·6	251·1
161·2	150·0	Money Fund Acc	153·2	161·2
165·1	149·8	Property Fund Acc.	156·9	165·1

EAGLE STAR INS. MIDLAND ASS'CE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
134·4	108·4	Eagle Midland	127·7	134·4

HAMBRO LIFE ASSURANCE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
298·9	229·0	H. Amer Equity Fd.	280·9	298·9
156·8	125·0	H. American Man	148·5	156·4
119·6	107·0	H. American Prop	113·6	119·6
506·5	417·6	Hambro Equity	479·6	504·9
208·0	197·1	H. Fixed Int. Dep	197·9	208·0
240·3	217·6	H. Gilt Edge	225·0	237·5
277·5	239·9	H. Managed Cap	260·5	274·3
427·5	350·4	H. Managed Accum	404·5	425·8
348·0	271·9	H. O'seas Earnings Acc	319·8	336·7
314·4	299·2	H. Property	298·6	314·4
127·9	94·2	H. Pen. Am. Eq. Acc	115·5	121·6
975·2	771·7	H. Pen. Equity Acc.	926·4	975·2
125·1	99·0	H. Pen Far East Acc	118·6	125·1
332·0	313·9	H. Pen. F. I. Acc	315·4	332·0
334·1	295·3	H. Pen. Indexed Acc	313·5	330·0
847·5	704·7	H. Pen. Man. Acc.	805·1	847·5
109·6	100·0	H. Pen. Mortg. Acc.	104·1	109·6
622·2	572·3	H. Pen. Prop. Acc.	591·0	622·2

HEARTS OF OAK BENEFIT SOCIETY

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
150·9	136·0	Managed Fund	143·0	150·9

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
236·1	183·1	Far East	221·3	235·5
235·3	185·7	Managed	213·1	224·4
252·9	197·2	North American	226·6	241·1
215·3	181·7	Special Situations	195·9	208·5

HILL SAMUEL LIFE ASSURANCE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
381·4	330·6	Managed Units	362·3	381·4
219·6	190·8	Man. Series A	208·6	219·8
169·9	149·8	Man. Series C	161·4	169·9
203·9	192·1	Money Units	193·7	203·9
160·3	152·0	Money Series A	152·2	160·3
234·8	195·3	Equity Series A	223·0	234·8
185·5	167·5	Fixed Int. Series A	172·9	182·0

HODGE LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

LONDON & INDEMNITY & GENERAL INSURANCE

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
75·0	67·3	Money Manager	70·5	75·0
64·0	56·5	Money Man. Flexible	60·7	64·0

LONDON LIFE LINKED ASSURANCE LIMITED

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
304·0	256·2	Equity	—	301·0
184·1	162·1	Fixed Interest	—	180·7
130·3	109·0	International	—	130·3
250·6	199·6	Mixed	—	250·1
187·5	172·6	Property	—	187·5

LONDON LIFE MANAGED FUNDS LTD.

1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
239·5	171·3	Equity (P)	—	227·1
197·6	172·7	Fixed Interest (P)	—	195·6
123·4	106·8	Indexed Stock (P)	—	123·4
136·9	104·5	International (P)	—	136·3
188·2	159·6	Mixed (P)	—	187·5
138·4	128·2	Property (P)	—	138·4

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1984-85 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Yd Div (p)	Gross Yd %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
142	120	Ass. Brit. Ind. Ord.	140	—	6·6	4·5	7·8	9·5
158	117	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	143	—	10·0	6·8	—	—
78	52	Airsprung Group	55	—	6·4	12·0	5·8	7·1
42	21	Armitage & Rhodes	41	—	2·9	7·0	5·1	8·5
154	57	Bardon Hill	154	—	5·4	2·5	15·5	22·5
58	45	Bray Technologies	47	—	5·5	7·4	5·5	7·8
201	173	CCL Ordinary	175	—	12·6	6·9	—	—
152	114	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	114	—	15·7	13·8	—	—
800	100	Carborundum Ord.	783	—	5·7	0·7	—	—
91	84	Carborundum 7·5% Pref.	84	—	10·7	12·8	—	—
249	85	Cindico Group	85	−2	—	—	—	—
73	45	Deborah Services	65	—	6·5	10·0	6·1	10·0
240	75	Frank Horsell	240	—	—	—	9·6	12·6
206	75½	Frank Horsell Pr. Ord 87	208	—	9·6	4·6	8·5	10·6
60	25	Frederick Parker	29	—	4·5	14·8	—	—
50	32	George Blair	35	—	—	—	5·4	6·7
50	30	Ind. Precision Castings	31	—	2·7	9·0	8·2	8·9
213	200	Isis Group	200	—	15·0	7·5	7·9	14·4
124	61	Jackson Group	106	—	4·9	4·9	4·9	9·5
235	215	James Burrough	231	+1	15·7	4·9	10·0	10·0
95	85	James Burrough 9% Pref.	95	—	12·9	13·9	—	—
82	71	John Howard & Company	82	+1	5·0	6·1	8·4	11·9
117	100	Linguaphone Ord	141	—	—	—	—	—
100	95	Linguaphone 10·5% Pref.	96	—	15·0	15·6	—	—
572	275	Minihouse Holding N.V.	572	—	3·8	0·7	41·2	45·0
176	31	Robert Jenkins	32	—	5·0	15·6	—	—
74	28	Scruttons "A"	28	—	5·7	20·4	14·7	5·4
120	61	Torday & Carlisle	87	—	—	—	9·5	19·8
444	370	Treviam Holdings	370	—	4·5	1·2	21·0	20·7
27	17	*Unilock Holdings*	27	+½	1·5	4·8	15·1	18·9
93	65	Walter Alexander	95	—	7·5	8·0	7·0	11·2
276	206	W. S. Yeates	226	—	17·4	7·7	5·4	10·8

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1984-5 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		LONDON & MANCHESTER GROUP		
525·6	404·1	Capital Growth Fd..	—	525·6
225·7	195·4	Flexible Fund	—	225·7
154·4	147·2	Guaranteed Dep.Fd.	—	154·4
381·4	311·8	Invest. Trust Fund..	—	381·4
201·2	156·6	Money Maker Fund..	—	195·6
130·7	128·1	Property Fund	—	130·7
		MANUFACTURERS' LIFE INS. CO.		
128·2	100·5	Investment.........	122·0	128·1
173·6	160·9	Deposit	164·9	173·6
302·6	234·9	Equity	287·1	302·2
306·5	259·6	Gilt-Edged	285·8	300·8
252·9	206·8	International......	237·8	250·3
288·6	251·1	Managed	274·0	288·4
229·2	197·1	Property	214·7	229·2
		MERCHANT INVESTORS ASSURANCE		
201·8	190·5	Conv. Deposit Bond.	—	201·0
151·5	108·6	Equity Bond	—	131·5
212·9	187·2	Managed Bond	—	212·9
254·8	235·1	Money Market Bond.	—	252·7
292·0	277·5	Property Bond	—	292·0
235·5	206·2	Intnl. Equity.......	—	235·5
219·4	194·6	Intnl. Managed	—	219·4
126·0	108·6	North America......	—	120·1
		M. & G. GROUP		
169·5	104·8	America Bond	160·0	169·1
218·8	174·7	American Recovery.	203·5	213·8
129·9	101·2	Australasian	114·8	120·7
152·9	131·1	Commodity	140·1	147·5
200·8	190·2	Convert. Deposit Bd	191·1	200·6
176·3	149·4	Equity Bonus	167·8	176·3
394·9	324·2	Equity Accum	376·0	394·9
208·0	162·8	Extra Yield Bonds..	198·0	208·0
520·9	444·9	Family Bonds (1982-86)	519·9	—
135·6	110·8	Far Eastern	128·3	134·8
211·4	184·9	Gilt Bond...........	195·8	205·7
167·6	131·8	High Yield Bond....	159·5	167·6
273·1	224·1	International Bonds	259·8	272·9
141·2	96·7	Japan Bonds	132·4	139·1
330·5	287·5	Managed Bonds	314·6	330·5
115·1	91·2	Mirror Bonds.......	114·4	—
868·6	688·3	Pers. Pension	—	868·6
264·6	255·1	Property Fund	251·4	264·3
177·8	143·4	Recovery Bond......	169·2	177·8
		N E L PENSIONS LTD.		
352·9	290·3	Nelex Equity Accum	334·0	351·6
		NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE Plc.		
376·1	332·8	Kiwi Key Inv. Plan.	364·8	376·1
261·5	234·9	American...........	246·3	258·9
159·2	149·2	Deposit	149·5	157·3
186·7	174·9	Gilt	176·8	186·1
161·5	131·4	High Inc. Eqy. Dist.	153·5	161·5
116·6	100·9	High Inc. Fix Int Dis	105·3	110·8
400·8	325·2	Pacific	380·7	400·8
179·3	151·1	Property	152·6	160·6
172·8	143·0	U.K. Equity	164·1	172·7
		NORWICH UNION INS. GROUP		
182·9	172·8	Norwich Deposit Fd.	173·8	182·9
998·2	826·8	Norwich Equity Fd..	943·8	998·2
307·2	271·1	Norwich Fix. Int. L.	284·6	299·5
542·4	477·8	Norwich ManagedFd	515·3	542·4
278·6	256·2	Norwich PropertyFd	264·7	278·6
		PHOENIX ASSURANCE CO.		
287·1	244·2	Wealth Assured Bds.	270·2	284·5
		PROPERTY EQUITY AND LIFE ASS. CO.		
130·7	107·4	R.S. Equity Bond...	—	130·7
295·8	224·6	R.S. Flex. Mon. Bd..	—	295·8
124·9	109·7	R.S. Managed Bond	—	124·9
108·6	102·5	Int. Mnged. Cur. Fd.	—	108·6
		PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE		
529·6	404·7	Equity Fund.........	529·6	529·6
518·8	399·3	Equity Fund (A).....	518·8	518·8
205·9	185·9	Gilt Edged Fund.....	203·4	203·4
205·9	185·9	Gilt Edged Fund (A).	203·4	203·4
289·2	235·8	Intnl. Fund.........	280·6	280·6
289·2	235·6	Intnl. Fund (A)......	280·6	280·6
155·3	134·7	Investment Fund....	155·3	155·3
151·9	131·5	Investment Fd. (A)..	151·8	151·8
236·0	219·0	Money Fund.........	236·0	236·0
231·0	215·0	Money Fund (A)......	231·0	231·0
		PROVIDENCE CAP. LIFE ASS'CE		
131·0	112·6	Equity Acc..........	124·1	131·0
102·1	87·6	Fixed Int. Acc.......	95·0	100·3
93·8	78·4	Intnl. Acc..........	88·9	93·8
107·8	94·9	Managed Acc.......	102·2	107·8
136·9	120·4	Property Acc.......	129·7	136·9
83·6	68·3	Special Market Fund	79·2	83·6

1984-5 † High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
		PROVIDENT LIFE ASSOC. OF LONDON LTD.		
594·0	480·0	Plus Units.........	566·0	594·0
		PROVINCIAL LIFE ASS'CE		
210·9	156·9	High Income.......	200·1	210·9
192·6	155·4	International	182·5	192·2
346·4	290·1	Managed	329·7	346·4
224·4	180·8	North American.....	212·4	223·2
264·9	208·0	Technology	229·3	241·6
		PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE CO. LTD.		
148·3	124·0	Profund Managed F.	136·6	142·5
		PRUDENTIAL PENSIONS LTD.		
£74·09	£58·89	Equity Fund	£72·64	£74·84
£46·20	£39·59	Fixed Interest Fund	£44·74	£45·33
£13·85	£10·65	International Fund..	£12·96	£13·36
£58·41	£55·22	Property Fund......	£56·80	£58·56
£13·00	£11·84	Cash	£13·24	£13·24
183·4	154·1	Managed	176·9	184·3
130·6	119·8	Cash Fund..........	125·5	130·8
		REFUGE INVESTMENTS LTD.		
176·1	150·1	Managed...........	167·2	176·1
145·5	131·6	Property	136·3	143·5
		RELIANCE MUTUAL INSURANCE		
173·3	141·9	Equity Fund........	164·0	172·6
163·9	140·2	Managed Fd.........	155·3	163·5
		ROWAN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT		
375·4	342·5	Rowan Bond.........	340·4	387·3
		ROYAL INSURANCE GROUP		
414·3	348·6	Royal Shield.........	391·6	414·3
		ROYAL-LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD.		
200·9	170·5	R.L. Mixed Fund....	190·7	200·9
		SAVE & PROSPER GROUP		
305·6	265·9	Balanced Invest......	286·3	305·0
206·1	187·8	Deposit Fund.......	194·7	206·1
66·7	50·7	Equity Pension Fd..	63·0	66·7
250·5	224·5	Gilt Fund...........	234·4	248·1
95·8	79·8	Global Equity Fund.	90·4	95·7
75·0	65·8	Global Pension......	70·5	74·7
64·7	58·0	Managed Pension Fd	61·1	64·7
304·9	288·5	Property Fund.......	288·1	304·9
60·0	55·7	Property Pension Fd	55·5	58·8
		SCHRODER LIFE GROUP		
204·6	170·3	American (4)........	186·5	196·4
194·3	180·7	Deposit (4).........	184·5	194·3
589·2	500·8	Equity (4)..........	556·7	586·1
275·3	248·0	Fixed Int. (4).......	256·6	270·2
151·8	135·8	Gilt & Fixed Int. (4)	140·9	148·4
202·7	168·0	Income Dist. (4).....	191·6	201·7
260·4	209·0	Income Accum. (4)...	246·2	259·2
198·5	168·0	International (4)....	185·5	195·4
318·6	275·8	Managed (4).........	279·6	313·4
199·7	171·2	Overseas (4)........	188·6	198·6
298·3	282·0	Property (4)........	283·3	298·3
254·4	214·1	Smaller Compan's(4)	240·7	253·4
231·0	178·0	Tokyo (4)...........	214·4	225·8
119·6	108·6	Deposit Pension (C)	113·5	119·6
346·4	282·2	Equity Pensions (C)	327·2	344·5
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316·2	279·5	Gilt Pen Fd. Acc....	292·2	307·6
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HOUSES AND ESTATES

DAVID HOPPIT

A slow end to a year of price extremes

A HOUSE with a separate annex for elderly relatives always attracts attention, but growing children, too young or hard-up to consider buying, are also desperate to have a place to call their own. A house with a bothy in the garden is probably the most perfect solution. There is such a home in Wennington, near Abbots Ripton, close to Huntingdon, in Cambridgeshire. It is a village of 16 dwellings with 60 inhabitants, yet within an hour of King's Cross Station. Pond Cottage, a thatched home dating from 1620, has three bedrooms, is small but not cramped, with the usual wealth of exposed timbers for head banging; while Woodpecker Cottage, in the garden, is even smaller, having two bedrooms. Savills is seeking about £92,500 for the pair.

IF 1984 confirmed anything it was our freedom to become property owners. Indeed it seems likely that before the century is out four out of every five families will own their own home.

Almost all estate agents agreed that the early part of the year was buoyant, with house prices rising faster than they had for several years. All this changed, however, when the spring was followed by a summer of industrial unrest and rising interest rates.

By then, though, many people had already committed themselves to a move, prodded to some degree by a Budget which eased stamp duty to a flat rate of one per cent. on property priced above £30,000, and imposed V A T on home improvements, though this was later relaxed so far as listed buildings were concerned.

With most surveys showing the average price of a British home to be well above £30,000 it is surely time for the Chancellor to recall that stamp duty was intended as a tax on the very wealthy. He could perhaps start by making the first £30,000 exempt from tax, whatever the price of the home.

The year saw a report prepared by the Joint Land Requirements Committee declaring that there was a pressing need for 220,000 new homes every year until 1991, and warning that these may have to last up to 1,000 years at the present rate of replacement.

In the event the building industry provided about 162,000 new houses, more than the expected total for the private sector. Perhaps, therefore, we should not begrudge officers of the National House-Building Council their trip to Sydney for the international home-warranty conference.

Average house prices, both new and old, rose dramatically during the first six months, but with one or two exceptions steadied when interest rates shot up. There were large regional variations, as Pearsons found. The firm's Andover office reported increases of only five per cent. for modern property up to £40,000, whereas its Frome office reported modern semi-detached estate houses rising by 27 per cent.

One of the most useful guides to house prices all over the country is produced quarterly by Mann Countrywide, based in Woking, Surrey. Most of its offices reported a busy summer despite the increased mortgage rates, with a quieter autumn period and a frequent shortage of high quality homes.

Mann says the prosperous south-east saw no slackening in demand, and indeed at the upper end of the market the demand was threatening to outpace supply. The effects of recession and strikes in less prosperous areas did begin to tell, though in the north-east the market remained "active."

The report says: "Unemployment tends not to affect the house-buying market as those in employment are generally home owners and those unemployed live with their families or in rented accommodation."

On the other hand the Anglia Building Society says home prices in the north are only just keeping ahead of inflation. In its latest report, published just before Christmas, the society claims that home owners in the south are seeing their investment increase in value at about twice the rate of their northern neighbours. Average house prices in the south rose by 10 per cent. but by only 5·6 per cent. in the north, according to the Anglia.

There are some wide variations. The Isle of Man for instance, saw property values rise by only about two per cent., according to Chrystals.

Jackson-Stops reports rises of between 10 and 15 per cent., but stresses that they occured almost entirely during the first five months of the year. Fox and Sons also puts the average increase at about 10 per cent. for the year.

With the M25 nearing completion, property values in Essex and Suffolk have risen sharply. By the end of the third quarter of the year Bidwells was reporting a 12 per cent. rise.

Country houses with a couple of acres were always in demand. Jackson-Stops tells me that to get a period country house with a little land for below £150,000 would mean accepting a house in poor condition and probably poorly located as well.

The Abbey National Building Society left the movement's cartel, leading to greater competition in the mortgage market.

Britain's cheapest house of 1984 was a two-bedroom terrace cottage 100 years old in the Welsh village of Cwmbach. It was priced at £700. Like a fool I wrote about it instead of buying it and the agent, Landare Estates, was so overwhelmed by the response that it had to close for a few days.

At the other end of the scale Savills with Bidwells negotiated the private sale of the Shadwell Estate, near Thetford, in Norfolk, which includes two of Europe's best-known stud farms. The 5,411 acre estate had been owned by Sir John Musker's family since 1898, but in a deal thought to involve nearly £8 million it was bought by Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, whose racing interests were already extensive. Sir John will continue to occupy the Grade One Victorian mansion.

Another major sale, involving one of London's largest private houses, was announced to the accompaniment of popping champagne corks in July as Knight Frank and Rutley, representing the Crown Estate Commissioners, offered The Holme, in Regents Park, on a 60-year lease. Although much changed by Bedford College in recent years the house, designed by Decimus Burton and completed in 1818, attracted wide interest.

A proviso in the sale was that the house, in its 4½ acres beside the lake, should be occupied by one family. When, a few weeks ago, a buyer was found both the agent and the commissioners refused to discuss the matter other than to say there had been "an exchange of binding agreement." The price paid is nevertheless believed to be well above £5 million and the buyer, rather predictably, is thought to be from the Middle East.

Sporting estates enjoyed something of a revival and, according to Bell-Ingram, they sold well when marketing was properly timed. However, despite the jolly reports of some land agents, farm land did not attract the eye of many institutions during the year, and it seems unlikely to do so in the coming months. Smiths Gore says farm profits will remain under pressure during 1985, but insists that in the long term British farmland remains a good investment.

The coming year may see the emergence of greater involvement by solicitors in house selling and it remains to be seen whether the public will truly benefit from property shops offering reduced fees for commission and conveyancing.

While competition is always healthy, solicitors contemplating opening a property shop may heed the wise words of one of the older school, Mr Roy Chapman, a senior partner of the James Abbott Partnership. "I can foresee conflicts of interest emerging and that cannot be in the clients' interest. I also believe solicitors will come in for two shocks, first, when they realise some of the past benefits of co-operation with estate agents have been lost, and, secondly, when they discover that the 'bottom line' on an estate agent's profit and loss account reflects an extraordinary amount of uncharged abortive work."

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Sport ::: ON 4 PAGES

HOLLAND'S 6-54 HITS W. INDIES ON EVENTFUL DAY

By ALAN SHIELL in Sydney

TWO Australians—Allan Border, captain, and Steve Rixon, wicketkeeper—and Viv Richards the West Indies batsman, were reported by the umpires after an eventful third day's play in the fifth Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday.

Mel Johnson and Ray Isherwood reported the trio for using abusive language during a heated incident in which Richards was given not out by Isherwood midway through the West Indies' first innings.

For the first time in the series Australia, who declared at 471 for nine, are in a winning position. The West Indies, forced to follow on 308 runs behind after being dismissed for 163, were 31 for one in their second innings at the close of play.

Bob "Dutchy" Holland, the New South Wales leg spinner, made the West Indies batsmen resemble novices as he plundered six for 54 off 22 overs on a pitch which took considerable turn.

Stunning collapse

In a stunning collapse the West Indies lost their last five first-innings wickets for three runs in five overs.

Craig McDermott, 19, the Queensland fast bowler, and Murray Bennett, 28, the New South Wales left-arm spinner, took two wickets each to help Holland, 38, humiliate the West Indians, who are unbeaten in 27 Tests.

McDermott gained the breakthrough in the West Indies second innings by trapping Desmond Haynes leg before with the first ball of his second over.

Holland is playing in his third Test and Bennett and McDermott only in their second.

Appreciative crowd

A noisy, appreciative crowd of 21,404 saw an incident-packed day's play in which 14 wickets fell for 251 runs off 86 overs in 340 minutes. Australia lost three for 57 off 12·2 overs before Border called a halt to the 11-hour 21-minute marathon.

The umpires' reporting of Border, Rixon and Richards came after an unsuccessful appeal by the Australians for a bat-pad catch they thought Richards had given Graeme Wood at forward short leg, off Bennett, when he was 15 and the total 97 for three.

Richards and Rixon exchanged angry words, and continued their "chat" at the end of the over. Border joined in and umpire Johnson intervened and spoke to the players.

Releasing details of the reports last night Mr Ian McDonald, the Australian Cricket Board's media manager, said the umpires had lodged Code of Behaviour complaints against Border, Rixon and Richards.

A statement said "... Border and Rixon are alleged to have breached rules 4 and 5 of the Code of Behaviour in that they indulged in conduct detrimental to the game in that they brought the game into disrepute by using continual abuse after having been told to stop."

Complaint to Hall

Mr McDonld added: "Viv Richards is not subject to a Code of Behavnour hearing as the code does not apply to visiting teams. However, a complaint has been lodged with the West Indies team manager, Wes Hall.

"The Australian team has appointed a three-man committee comprising Graeme Wood, Kepler Wessels and Andrew Hilditch to hear the umpires' complaints against Border and Rixon.

"The decision will be announced prior to play starting tomorrow morning."

If the players' committee upholds the umpires' complaints it will almost certainly impose fines on Border and Rixon.

Allan Border, the Australian captain, slams Courtney Walsh to the boundary in his innings of 69 against the West Indies in Sydney.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA—First Innings

A. M. J. Hilditch, c Dujon, b Holding ... 2
G. M. Wood, c Haynes, b Gomes 45
K. C. Wessels, b Holding 173
G. M. Ritchie, run out 37
*A. R. Border, c Greenidge, b Walsh ... 69
D. C. Boon, b Garner 49
†S. J. Rixon, c Garner, b Holding 20
M. J. Bennett, c Greenidge, b Garner ... 23
G. F. Lawson, not out 5
C. J. McDermott, c Greenidge, b Walsh ... 4
Extras (b 7, lb 20, nb 17) ... 44

Total (9 wkts dec) 471

Fall of wickets: 1-12, 2-126, 3-338, 4-342, 5-350, 6-392, 7-450, 8-463, 9-471.

Did not bat: R. G. Holding.

Bowling: Marshall 37-2-111-0; Garner 31-5-101-2; Holding 31-7-74-3; Walsh 38·2-1-118-2; Gomes 12-2-29-1; Richards 7-2-11-0.

WEST INDIES—First Innings

C. G. Greenidge, c Rixon, b McDermott ... 18
D. L. Haynes, c Wessels, b Holland ... 28
I. V. A. Richards, c Wessels, b Holland ... 15
†P. J. Dujon, c Hilditch, b Bennett 22
M. D. Marshall, st Rixon, b Holland ... 0
M. A. Holding, c McDermott, b Bennett ... 0
J. Garner, c Rixon, b Holland ... 0
C. A. Walsh, not out 1
Extras (lb 3, nb 7) 10

Total 163

Fall of wickets: 1-26, 2-34, 3-73, 4-103, 5-106, 6-160, 7-160, 8-160, 9-160.

Bowling: Lawson 9-1-27-0; McDermott 9-0-34-2, Bennett 22·4-7-45-2; Holland 22-7-54-6.

Second Innings

C. G. Greenidge, not out 12
D. L. Haynes, lbw, b McDermott ... 3
R. B. Richardson, not out 11
Extras (lb 1, nb 4) 5

Total (1 wkt) 31

Fal lof wicket: 1-7

Bowling: Lawson 3-1-5-0; McDermott 3-0-15-1; Bennett 3-1-6-0; Holland 2-0-4-0.

Umpires: M. Johnson & R. Isherwood.

*Captain. †Wicketkeeper.

Women's Test

SOUTHGATE SHOWS WAY

Jan Southgate, the captain, steered England's women cricketers into a healthy position on the first day of the third Test against Australia in Brisbane.

After winning the toss for the third time in the series, England built their position on steady, though occasionally slow, batting to be 230 for six at the close.

Dropped catches helped England, with Raelee Thompson, the Australian skipper, putting down June Edney, 34 not out, twice in the gully.

But Mrs Southgate chose the bad ball to hit and compiled a more than useful 74.

[illegible] 230-6 (J. Brittin 36, J. Southgate 74, L. [illegible] 2-25) v Australia.

John (5-28) puts Sri Lanka in control

UNINHIBITED batting by captain Duleep Mendis and teenager Aravinda de Silva followed by a five-wicket spell from medium-pacer Vinodhan John left Sri Lanka in sight of victory over Western Australia in Perth yesterday.

At the close of the second day of the three-day match, the touring side were 67 for two in their second innings, needing 41 to win.

Mendis, with a dazzling 67 in even time, and de Silva, who hit 40, rescued Sri Lanka from 87 for four with a spectacular partnership of 98 in 50 minutes. Mendis then declared at 217 for eight, 28 behind the home side's first innings total.

The burly John immediately set about the West Australian second innings, the local batsmen finding his swing bowling virtually unplayable. In eleven overs, John took 5 for 28 as the state side were skittled out for 79.

Well-deserved

Sri Lanka, chasing 108 to win, lost openers Amal Silva for 11 and Sidath Wettimuny for 13.

But Roy Dias, on 27, and Ratnayeke looked capable of knocking off the runs needed to give Sri Lanka a well-deserved victory today.

Scoreboard

WESTERN AUSTRALIA. — First innings 245 for 7 dec. (T. J. Zoehrer 69 not, S. C. Clements 60).

Second innings

G. R. Marsh, b John 15
S. C. Clements, c John, b J. R. Ratnayake ... 19
M. McPhee, b John 6
R. Gartrell, c Kuruppu, b John ... 3
P. Gonella, c sub, b John ... 10
D. Smith, c Kuruppu, b John ... 2
T. J. Zoehrer, lbw b J. R. Ratnayake 0
W. Clark, b J. R. Ratnayake 1
G. Bush, c sub, b De Mel 21
B. Reid, not out 0
E. Spalding, lbw, b De Mel 0
Extras (2 lb, 2 nb) 4

Total 79

Fall of wickets: 1-15, 2-25, 3-41, 4-42, 5-53, 6-54, 7-54, 8-59, 9-73.

Bowling: De Mel 6·3-0-24-2, John 11-2-28-5, J. R. Ratnayake 12-4-25-3.

SRI LANKA.—First innings (overnight 22 for no wkt).

S. Wettimuny, c Zoehrer, b Spalding 6
A. Silva, c Zoehrer, b Clark 41
B. Kuruppu, c Zoehrer, b Smith ... 21
R. L. Dias, b Smith 3
L. R. D. Mendis, run out 67
A. de Silva, c Smith, b Spalding ... 40
J. R. Ratnayake, run out 4
A. L. F. de Mel, c Gonella, b Bush 0
R. J. Ratnayeke, not out 18
V. B. John, not out 10
Extras (lb 4, nb 3) 7

Total (8 wkts dec.) 271

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-71, 3-77, 4-87, 5-185, 6-185, 7-189, 8-191.

Bowling: Spalding 15-3-59-2, Clark 11-5-34-1, Reid 10-1-40-0, Smith 6-1-29-2, Bush 11-1-45-1, Gonella 1-0-8-0.

Second innings

S. Wettimuny, c Zoehrer, b Spalding 13
A. Silva, c Zoehrer, b Spalding ... 11
R. L. Dias, not out 27
J. R. Ratnayeke, not out 8
Extras (b 4, lb 2, nb 2) ... 8

Total (2 wkts) 67

Fall of wickets: 1-17, 2-55.

Bowling: Spalding 5-0-42-2, Reid 5-1-19-0, Bush 2-2-0-0.

OTHER SPORT TODAY

BASKETBALL.—National Lge Div. I: Kingcraft Kingston v Bracknell Pirates (8 p.m.).

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Third Test—Second Day

Rain puts damper on outright result

By MICHAEL CAREY in Calcutta

AN overcast, murky and ultimately drizzling day gave the New Year an all-too-familiar old look at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, yesterday, permitting only four overs in the third Test, during which India advanced their first innings to 176 for four, scored at two an over.

With the rest day falling today, much therefore remains to be done on the last three days.

The evidence suggests that even if a combination of the weather and the pitch's mildness hint an outright result is remote, there is no reason why England should not emerge with at least some psychological advantage.

So far their bowling, with the penetration of Cowans and Ellison followed by the accuracy of Edmonds and Pocock, has imposed great restraints on batting that has mostly been tentative, and with the new ball only four overs old there was reason to hope for a breakthrough first thing yesterday.

Ellison, indeed, could swing it much as he had done throughout the first day, twice beating Shastri with perfectly pitched outswingers in one over, though this was only after a delay of 40 minutes at the start because of bad light.

Umpires confer

As ever this was the subject of much discussion. The umpires decreed that though the light appeared better than at the close the previous evening, it was not good enough to make a start, no doubt taking into account that Cowans would be operating with the new ball.

By English standards the light was arguably playable, but here the umpires are not equipped with meters and when play did start—after England had officially made known their dissatisfaction at the delay—any difference in the conditions could only have been minimal.

The one stroke of note was a thrashing drive over extra cover by Azharuddin off Cowans, which was of more embarrassment to Shastri than the bowler as he had repeatedly tried to make known to the umpires his distaste for continuing.

After three discussions, the umpires made an offer India could not refuse and later rain imposed itself on a Test here for only the fourth time in history, leaving England to reflect on their worthy efforts of the first day after Gower had lost the toss.

Placid pitch

It was by no means a bad one to lose. Though the pitch had little pace, Cowans made the odd one bounce awkwardly and the ball swung all day for Ellison, whose only problem was finding the right line to make the batsmen play as often as possible.

If the dismissal of the unhappy Gaekwad by Cowans was no surprise, the departure of Gavaskar to Edmonds' fourth ball—which turned enough to induce an edge to slip—was, and the result was a phase in which India's batting looked highly suspect.

Vengsarkar experienced all sorts of alarms in reaching double figures, once mishooking Ellison almost to mid-wicket, while Amarnath, after playing and missing at Ellison, edged him at catchable height between first and second slip when he had made 19.

Gradually this pair discovered some fluency and added 91 for the third wicket, but by then the accuracy of Edmonds and Pocock — after a diffident start by the off-spinner — put England on top and no doubt contributed to the dismissal of both batsmen either side of tea.

Edmonds accurate

First, Amarnath was caught at short legg off Edmonds who despite occasional uncertainty with his run-up again performed with pinpoint accuracy, enjoying a moment of richly deserved luck when Vengsarkar, attempting to sweep, was bowled behind his legs.

With two new batsmen to bowl at, including Azharuddin, making his Test debut at the age of 21, England had reason to hope their successes would not end there.

But Shastri impressively guided the newcomer through a tense final session during which Azharuddin, at 10, had an escape when he advanced to drive Pocock and saw an inside edge ricochet to safety off Downton's pads.

Calcutta details

INDIA—First Innings

*S. M. Gavaskar, c Gatting, b Edmonds 13
A. D. Gaekwad, c Downton, b Cowans 18
D. B. Vengsarkar, b Edmonds ... 48
M. B. Amarnath, c Cowdrey, b Edmonds 42
M. Azharuddin, not out 21
R. J. Shastri, not out 26
Extras (lb 6, nb 2) 8

Total (4 wkts) 176

Fall of wickets: 1-28, 2-35, 3-126, 4-127.

To bat: †S. M. H. Kirmani, M. Prabhakar, S. N. Yadav, L. Sivaramakrishnan, Chetan Sharma.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Ellison	28	12	49	0
Cowans	17	6	45	1
Edmonds	23	12	40	3
Pocock	20	7	36	0

ENGLAND.—G. Fowler, R. T. Robinson, M. W. Gatting, A. J. Lamb, *D. I. Gower, C. S. Cowdrey, †P. R. Downton, P. H. Edmonds, R. M. Ellison, P. I. Pocock, N. G. Cowans.

Umpires: Vikram Raju and B. Ganguli.

* Captain. † Wicketkeeper.

American Football

HAMPTON INSPIRES CHICAGO

By JAMES LAWTON

LOGIC decrees San Francisco 49ers and Miami Dolphins will contest the Super Bowl in Palo Alto, California later this month.

However, logic took a pounding in the quarter-finals of the National Football League play-offs when Chicago Bears and Pittsburgh Steelers upset Washington Redskins and Denver Bronchos.

Chicago, winning their first play-off game in 21 years, earned the right to visit San Francisco for the National Football Conference final with a superb effort from the defensive units, in Washington's R F K Stadium.

The Bears, inspired by the fierce leadership of defensive end Dan Hampton, buried Redskins celebrity quarter back Joe Theismann seven times. And, though Washington's John Riggins ran in for two short yardage touchdowns, the Bears held him to just 50 yards overall.

Perfect strategy

In Denver's Mile High Stadium, Pittsburg revived some of the old glory when they edged out the fancied Broncos 24-17.

Steeler coach Chuck Noll's strategy worked perfectly, largely because of the powerful running of Frank Pollard. He carried the ball 16 times for a total of 99 yards and twice made his way into the end zone.

Pittsburgh, rebuilding after their domination of the 70s and a 1980 Super Bowl triumph, now travel to Miami's Orange Bowl for the American Football Conference final.

Dan Marino, Dolphins' brilliant young quarter back described as the heir to Joe Namath, was briefly troubled by Seattle's fine secondary defence and had two two passes picked off.

But Miami, impressively resolute in defence, produced a perfect offensive line effort and Marino had the time to cut down Seattle 31-10.

In the other quarter final, N F C Western champions San Francisco flew to a 14-point lead over the New York Giants in the first quarter, then laboured to a 21-10 win.

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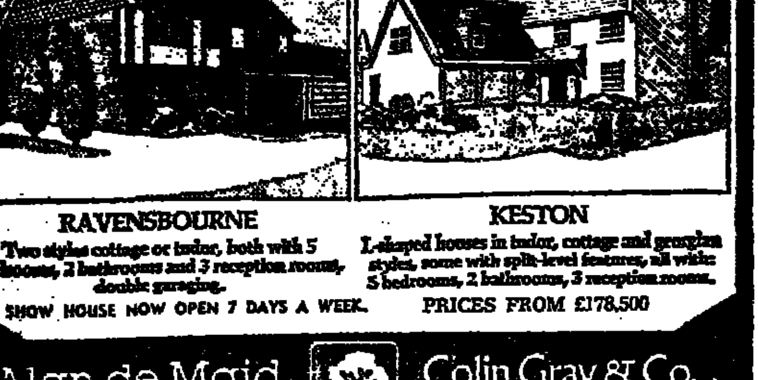

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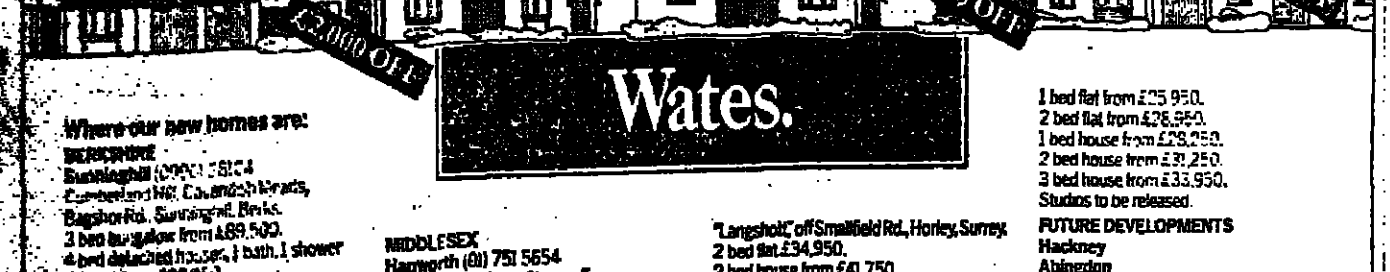

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RA NOVA BACK IN CHAMPION HURDLE PICTURE

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

RA NOVA who had trailed home in fifth place, more than 40 lengths behind the Champion Hurdle favourite Browne's Gazette, at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, staged a swift comeback in the New Year's Day Hurdle at Windsor yesterday.

Janus, to whom the revitalised Ra Nova gave 3lb and a 20-length beating, had finished eight lengths ahead of him at level weights when fourth to Browne's Gazette in Kempton's Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle.

Mrs Nan Kennedy, Ra Nova's trainer, thought his Kempton display might have been influenced by dislike of cold weather but yesterday was colder.

Kempton saw Ra Nova faced by fierce early competition from such front-runners as Desert Orchid and Rushmoor.

Everseal and Rhythmic Pastimes, horses of much lower class, disputed the lead with him yesterday but were shaken off at will. Janus's challenge petered out in the straight and Ra Nova provided an armchair ride for Richard Dunwoody, his jockey for the first time.

Dunwoody's Windsor treble, completed by Romana Mia and Chelsea Maid, took his winning total this season to 21.

Ra Nova's Champion Hurdle odds were predictably trimmed a little after his success but the Joe Ward Hill organisation still offer 16-1 against his winning at Cheltenham on March 12.

The Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford on Jan. 30 may be Ra Nova's next race. This remains a possible target for Gaye Brief, the Champion Hurdle second favourite, but he is first due to run at Haydock Park 11 days earlier.

The opposition which Browne's Gazette routed so completely in the Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle at Kempton included Stans Pride as well as Ra Nova and Janus.

Stans Pride tackles the Food Brokers Ferrero Rocher Hurdle at Cheltenham today. She has yet to win over two and a half miles but I shall chance her stamina. Moderate opposition is headed by the novice Play Boy.

Corbiere, winner of the 1983 Grand National and third last year, began this season with three moderate performances and was then given a spell of hunting.

His racing career resumes in the Food Brokers Happy New Year Handicap 'Chase at Cheltenham today but I prefer Lucky Vane.

His customary strong finish earned Lucky Vane second place behind Righthand Man in the Coral Welsh National at Chepstow 11 days ago and four miles round Cheltenham should suit him admirably.

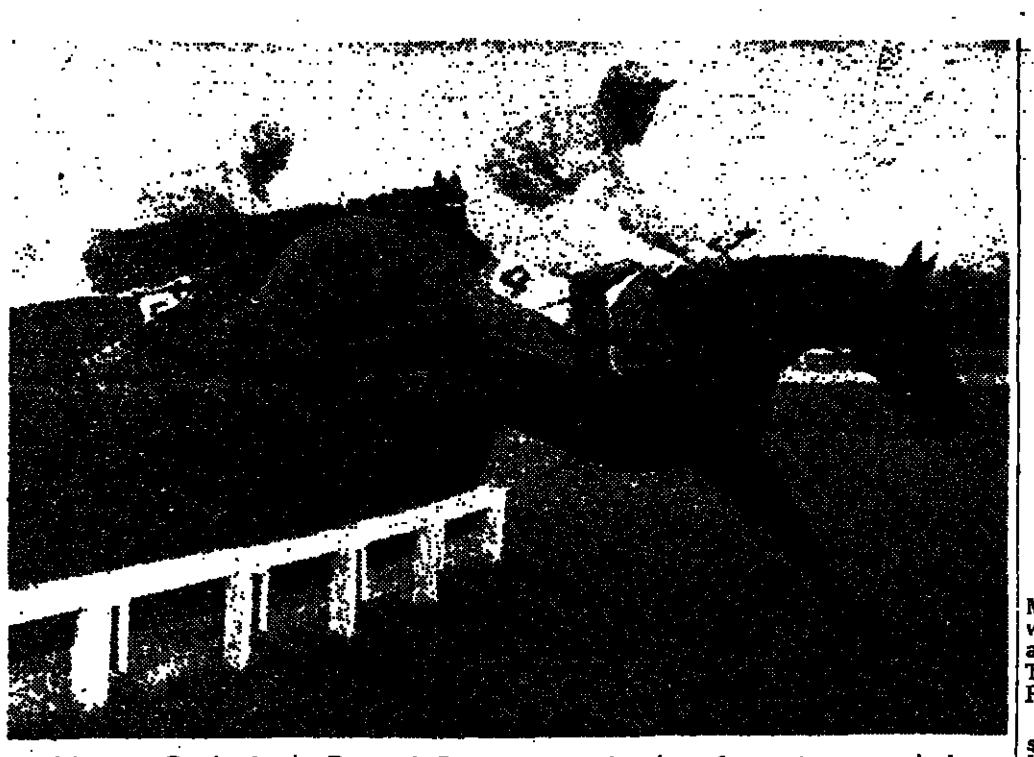
Moon Mariner, narrowly beaten by Fighter Pilot in a novices event on Welsh National afternoon, now tackles the Woodmancote Novices' Hurdle and this smart Flat racer is napped to gain his first success over jumps.

TODAY'S CHELTENHAM SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
12.30—Nialan	12.30—I Haventalight	12.30—Misty Dale
1. 5—Glyde Court	1. 5—Sign Again	1. 5—Glyde Court
1.40—Stans Pride	1.40—Stans Pride	1.40—Play Boy
2.15—Lucky Vane	—	2.15—Lucky Vane
2.50—Golden Friend	2.50—FREIGHT FORWARDER (nap)	2.50—Left Bank
3.25—MOON MARINER (nap)	—	3.25—BURANNPOUR (nap)

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Lucky Vane and Moon Mariner.

TONY STAFFORD.—Moon Mariner (3.25).



Manton Castle leads Donegal Prince over the last fence in yesterday's Freddie Starr Handicap 'Chase at Windsor. Manton Castle went on to win by two lengths.

Course Notes & Hints

'FORWARDER' DAY'S BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

ALTHOUGH barely out of the novice stage, FREIGHT FORWARDER* may take advantage of hefty weight concessions from more experienced rivals in today's Fairford Handicap 'Chase (2.50) at Cheltenham.

Arthur Pitt's 11-year-old, formerly a useful hurdler, has shown admirable consistency in six starts over fences.

Twice successful over this course and distance, he was particularly impressive when slamming Sula Bula by 15 lengths here in November and can continue the excellent form of Richard Dunwoody, who has ridden four winners in the last two racing days.

Stans Pride, fancied for the Food Brokers Ferrero Rocher Hurdle (1.40), ran above expectations when fourth to Browne's Gazette over this course.

I Haventalight has sound claims in the Ernest Robinson Handicap Hurdle (12.30), and **Sign Again** can gain his first success over fences in the Food Brokers Alma Confectionery Novices' 'Chase (1.5).

Cheltenham fields

Advance Official Going: GOOD TO SOFT

12.30 (Jackpot Prefix 1): ERNEST ROBINSON HANDICAP HURDLE Penalty Value £2,725 3m (12 declared)

2 12-0102 NIALAN (D) (N. de Savary), J. Jenkins. 5 11-7 S. Smith Eccles
4 011'40-P HAL'S JOY (C) (G. Palmer), M. Pipe. 6 11-6 ... P. Leach
5 130-002 I HAVENTALIGHT (BL) (B. Brazier), F. Winter. 6 11-5 J. Francome
6 .30-2301 CAMEBELLE (Major N. Martin), R. Mitchell, 7 11-4 (6lb ex) B. Powell
7 02000-0 BRASS CHANGE (D) (N. Goodliff), I. Dudgeon. 7 11-0 P. Barton
9 221004 ALFIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd), R. Hollinshead. 7 10-13 J. O'Neill
11 134-341 MISTY DALE (D. Rose), Mrs J. Pitman. 7 10-11 ... —
12 02124-3 ISAAC NEWTON (N. Clark), R. Armytage. 7 10-10 A. Webber
14 2P-0422 REBEG (Lord Astor), T. Forster. 8 10-6 ... R. Dunwoody
17 0000-01 COMMONTY (C) (Miss K. Allen), C. A. Bell. 7 10-0 J. H. Davies
18 P03-00P MISS WILLIE (Mrs T. Pilkington), Mrs T. Pilkington. 9 10-0 R. Dickin
19 P304-33 WILD CORN (BF) (B. Akerman), W. E. Fisher. 6 10-0 K. Mooney

S.P. FORECAST: 9-2 Misty Dale, 5 Nialan, 6 I Haventalight, 7 Camebelle, Alfie Dickins, 8 Rebeg, 10 Isaac Newton, Commonty, 14 Brass Change, 16 Wild Corn. 20 others.

1984: Mossmorron 5 11-4 G. Bradley 5-6F A. Scott. 8 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Nialan was beaten 7l by Kristenson (rec 3lb) at Ascot (3¼m) Dec 15—Hal's Joy (rec 5lb) p.u. (good to soft going). I Haventalight was beaten 4l by Right Regent (rec 16lb) over today's course and distance Dec 8 with Miss Willie (rec 24lb) 10th of 14 finishers (good to soft). Alfie Dickins was beaten 12l when 4th to Pelion (rec 5lb) at Huntingdon (3m) Dec 12 (good). Rebeg was beaten 3l by Meridaleal (rec 23lb) at Hereford (3m 1f) Dec 20 —Miss Willie (rec 7lb) p.u. (soft). Camebelle beat Il Pontevecchio (gave 8lb) by 2l at Wincanton (2½m) Dec 26 (good to soft). Misty Dale beat Sacred Path (rec 10lb) by 3l at Nottingham (2¾m) Dec 22 (good to soft). Isaac Newton was beaten 8l when 3rd to Bolands Cross (rec 3lb) at Newbury (2½m 120y) Nov 23 (heavy).

MISTY DALE is preferred to Nialan

1.5 (Prefix 2): FOOD BROKERS ALMA CONFECTIONERY NOVICES' 'CHASE £4,495 3m 1f (6)

2 132213 GOOD TRADE (A. Lester), R. Perkins. 10 11-4 ... Dal Williams
3 FP-P11 BEN LAIR (W. Whitbread), F. Walwyn. 7 11-0 ... R. Pusey
4 324F BYE APPEAL (A. Baxter), R. Mitchell. 9 11-0 ... B. Powell
5 1FP1-14 GLYDE COURT (C) (C. Cronin), F. Winter. 8 11-0 J. Francome
8 11P-F42 SIGN AGAIN (R. Wright), J. Fox. 7 11-0 ... S. Moore
9 24-2310 VON TRAPPE (P. Clarke), M. Oliver, 8 11-0 ... R. Dunwoody

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Glyde Court, 11-4 Ben Lair, 4 Sign Again, Von Trappe, 7 Good Trade. 25 Bye Appeal.

1984: Two Coppers 9 11-0 C. Brown 12-1 L. Kennard. 5 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Ben Lair beat Seven Acres (rec 10lb) by ½l at Worcester (3m) Dec 19 (heavy). Sign Again was beaten 7l by Buckbe (rec 4lb) at Ascot (2½m) Dec 15 (good to soft). Glyde Court was beaten 4l when 4th of 5 to Hard Case (level) over today's course and distance Dec 8 (good to soft). Von Trappe was beaten 40½l when 6th of 11 to Kristenson (rec 3lb) at Ascot (3¼m hurdle) Dec 15 (good to soft). Good Trade was beaten 26½l when 3rd of 6 to State Case (gave 14lb) at Nottingham (2m) Dec 22 (good).

GLYDE COURT may beat Sign Again

TV (BBC-1) RACES: 1.5, 1.40, 2.15 and 2.50

1.40 (Prefix 3): FOOD BROKERS FERRERO ROCHER HURDLE £4,237 2½m (4)

2 31401-0 LOCHBOISDALE (BL) (Winterbourne Construction Ltd), J. King. 5 11-4 ... S. Smith Eccles
3 2112 PLAY BOY (BF) (Duke of Alburquerque), F. Winter, 6 11-4 J. Francome
4 0F-0102 CAMINO CRYSTAL (BL) (P. Doherty), S. Christian. 9 11-0 K. Mooney
5 203-040 STANS PRIDE (Mrs M. Morgan), G. Price. 8 10-9 S. Morshead

S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Play Boy, 2 Stans Pride, 3 Camino Crystal, 7 Lochboisdale.

1984: Robin Wonder 6 11-12 J. Francome 5-1F D. Elsworth. 6 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Play Boy was beaten 2l by Fuisharran (rec 6lb) at Wolverhampton (2½m) Nov 26 (soft). Camino Crystal was beaten 15l by Le Levador (rec 23lb) at Chepstow (2½m) Dec 22 (soft). Lochboisdale was beaten more than 32l when 7th of 11 to Dalbury (gave 7lb) at Lingfield (2m) Dec 22 (heavy). Stans Pride was beaten more than 51l when last of 7 to Browne's Gazette (gave 5lb) at Kempton (2m) Dec 26 (good to soft).

PLAY BOY is preferred to Stans Pride

2.15 (Prefix 4): FOOD BROKERS HAPPY NEW YEAR HANDICAP 'CHASE £5,836 4m (8)

1 214-102 LUCKY VANE (CD) (Miss B. Swire), G. Balding. 10 11-7 J. Burke
2 023-440 CORBIERE (B. Burrough), Mrs J. Pitman. 10 11-1 J. Francome
3 210-213 PUCKA FELLA (BF) (Mrs D. Tucker), Mrs D. Tucker, 11 10-0 C. Brown
4 F000F-P EGGNOG (R. Carrier jun.), R. Champion. 12 10-0 ... G. McCourt
6 U20310 BASHFUL LAD (Mrs F. Parkes), M. Oliver, 10 10-0 R. Dunwoody
7 143-000 BRIDGE ASH (J. Johnson), J. Johnson. 13 10-0 ... C. Smith
8 1R/004-P BONUM OMEN (CD) (L. Thwaites), F. Walwyn, 11 10-0 K. Mooney
9 F4P-234 MR MOLE (Mrs S. Gill), Mrs S. Gill, 10 10-0 ... —

S.P. FORECAST: Evens Lucky Vane, 7-2 Corbiere, 9-2 Bashful Lad, 8 Pucka Fella, 10 Mr Mole, 12 Bonum Omen, 16 others.

1984: Snitholl Sport 10 10-4 J. Webber 14-1 J. Spearing. 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Pucka Fella was beaten distance when 3rd of 4 finishers to Fredwell (rec 9lb) at Hereford (3m 1f) Dec 20 (soft). Mr Mole was beaten 25l when 4th of 7 finishers to Planetman (gave 17lb) at Nottingham (3½m) Dec 8 (good). Bashful Lad was beaten 41l when last of 6 finishers to Canny Danny (gave 21lb) at Ascot (3m) Dec 15 (good to soft). Corbiere was beaten 45½l when 6th of 8 finishers to Little Polveir (rec 21lb) at Sandown (3m 5f 18y) Dec 1—Eggnog (rec 21lb) p.u. (good to soft). Lucky Vane was beaten 7l by Righthand Man (gave 3lb) at Chepstow (3m) Dec 22 (soft).

LUCKY VANE may give the weight to Corbiere

2.50 (Prefix 5): FAIRFORD HANDICAP 'CHASE £4,084 2m (9)

1 111-041 LEFT BANK (D) (G. Beecle), D. Morley, 7 11-12 (7lb ex) P. Scudamore
2 1120-00 ST ALEZAN (C) (D) (Lord Coventry), M. Tate. 8 11-10 C. Smith
4 1-03110 RESTLESS SHOT (CD) (R. Richmond-Watson), J. Webber. 10 11-5 ... G. McCourt
7 F21-003 TOIRDEALBHACH (CD) (H. Harper-Crewe), P. O'Connor. 11 10-11 ... J. Francome
8 018012 GOLDEN FRIEND (D) (BF) (D. Meade), Mrs M. Rimell. 7 10-10 ... S. Morshead
9 4002U3 WALNUT WONDER (CD) (R. Hickman), R. Hickman, 10 10-8 J. Bryan
10 121142 FREIGHT FORWARDER (CD) (BF) (Britannic Shipping Services Ltd), A. Pitt, 11 10-3 ... R. Dunwoody
12 00-00P4 WATER ROCK (CD) (J. Thorne), J. Thorne, 10 10-0 J. Hurst (7)
13 020430 DISHCLOTH (D) (Lady S. Brooke), Lady S. Brooke, 11 10-0 —

Dishcloth non-runner states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Golden Friend, 7-2 Left Bank, 4 Freight Forwarder, 6 Walnut Wonder, 7 Restless Shot, Water Rock, 12 St Alezan, 14 Toirdealbhach.

1984: No corresponding race.

FORM GUIDE.—Golden Friend was beaten 5l by Jo Colombo (rec 4lb) at Haydock (2m) Dec 12 (good). Freight Forwarder was beaten 3l by Our Fun (rec 6lb) at Sandown (2m 18y) Dec 7 (good to soft). Toirdealbhach was beaten 14l when 3rd of 4 to Professor Plum (rec 14lb) at Towcester (2m 50y) Dec 15 (good to soft). Walnut Wonder was beaten 8l by Romany Nightshade (gave 4lb) over today's course and distance Dec 8 with Restless Shot (gave 8lb) 25½l away 5th of 7 (good to soft). St Alezan was distant last of 5 finishers to The Tsarevich (gave 7lb) at Wolverhampton (2½m) Dec 26 (good). Left Bank beat Brave George (rec 7lb) by ¾l at Ascot (2m) Dec 15 (good to soft).

LEFT BANK may defy penalty. Golden Friend pick of others.

3.25 (Prefix 6): WOODMANCOTE NOVICES' HURDLE £1,959 2½m (18)

10 21 ULAN BATOR (D) (Mrs O. Jackson), F. Winter, 8 11-6 J. Francome
14 22-3F23 BURANNPOUR (E. Weinstein), A. Jarvis. 5 11-0 P. Scudamore
16 P00-0 CELTIC CAPRI (J. Cork), J. Cork. 6 11-0 ... J. Frost
17 0 CELTIC FLIGHT (Mrs M. Curtis), Mrs M. Rimell, 5 11-0 S. Morshead
18 00-0 CELTIC HAMLET (A. Srivon), P. Cundell. 6 11-0 ... J. O'Neill
19 0 COME ALIVE (T. Preston), J. Gifford, 8 11-0 P. Nicholls
21 4 DOWN FLIGHT (S. Squires), C. Holmes, 5 11-0 A. Webb
25 00-P2 LEVANT WAY (Mrs M. Bingress), W. E. Fisher. 5 11-0 K. Mooney
28 0/0F00-4 MASTER CONE (M. Reid), M. Reid. 8 11-0 ... P. Carvill
29 403 MAUJENDOR (T. Stoller), M. Tate. 5 11-0 ... R. Hyett
30 P MANI MOMENT (N. Stevens), N. Stevens, 6 11-0 ... G. McCourt
31 02 MOON MARINER (W. Mullins), D. Elsworth, 5 11-0 C. Brown
32 0 OLD FLAME (F. Parkes), M. Oliver, 6 11-0 R. Dunwoody
33 0500 THE KRACK (Petford Tools Ltd), F. Yardley, 5 11-0 ... —
36 242 TRIBAL DRUM (Mrs G. McFerran), J. Dudgeon, 6 11-0 R. Linley
37 P00 CAME COTTAGE (Maj N. Martin), R. Mitchell, 5 10-9 B. Powell
38 DOWNS MANDATE (C. White), Mrs R. Lomax, 5 10-9 A. Carroll
39 0 FERRERO-KINDER (Food Brokers Ltd), P. Cundell, 5 10-9 A. Gorman

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Ulan Bator, 3 Burannpour, 7-2 Moon Mariner, 7 Tribal Drum, 10 Celtic Flight, 14 Maujendor, Down Flight, 16 others.

1984: Div. I—Bar Bombali 6 11-5 M. Perrett 7-2 S. Mellor. 14 ran. Div. II—Sell Well 8 11-0 H. Davies 6-1 D. Barons. 14 ran.

FORM GUIDE.—Ulan Bator beat A Sure Row (gave 8lb) by 1½l at Chepstow (2½m) Dec 1 (good to soft). Tribal Drum was beaten 1l by Sailor's Dance (level) at Worcester (2m) Dec 19 with Maujendor (level) 10l away 3rd of 20 (heavy). Celtic Hamlet was 8th to Lenath (gave 5lb) over today's course and distance Dec 7 (good to soft). Moon Mariner was beaten 1l by Fighter Pilot (level) at Chepstow (3m) Dec 22 (soft). Down Flight was beaten 7½l when 4th of 18 to Hunter River (rec 4lb) at Towcester (2m) Dec 15 (good to soft). Burannpour was beaten 15l when 3rd of 5 finishers to Firing Party (rec 4lb) at Kempton (2m) Dec 27 (good to soft).

BURANNPOUR is worth another chance. Tribal Drum next best.

TOTE DOUBLE: 1.40 & 2.50 races. TREBLE: 1.5, 2.15 & 3.25.

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

CHELTENHAM: 2.15 Eggnog; 2.50 Left Bank. TOWCESTER: 1.0 Experimenting; 2.0 Health 'n' Happiness; 3.30 The Diplomat.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for tomorrow's meetings. Ascot, Lingfield Park, "soft."

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

Lucky Vane (2.15 Cheltenham) is the only horse listed in Hotspur's Twelve to follow engaged today.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Burannpour (3.25, Cheltenham) is today's revised nap by Whistler, of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

Wing and A Prayer turns whim into sense

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oaksey)

John Jenkins . . . trainer of Wing and A Prayer.

DAVID STEELE bought Wing And A Prayer "on a whim" after watching him run his other good juvenile, Beat The Retreat, to a hard-fought head at Sandown Park. The "whim" looked even more sensible at Cheltenham yesterday, when Wing And A Prayer cruised home in the Steel Plate Trial Hurdle.

This was his second win in Mr Steele's colours and he will get the chance to pay another rich dividend in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park on Saturday.

As his trainer John Jenkins said, the Daily Express Triumph Hurdle, for which Ladbrokes make Wing and A Prayer joint favourite with Tondband, a winner in Ireland on Boxing Day, "is still a long way off."

He added, quite truthfully, that Wing and A Prayer is a lovely colt with scope to make more than just a good four-year-old hurdler. He is that already, and John Francome, always in the first three near the inside rail, never had an uneasy moment.

Pagan Sun, carrying the colours of Wing and A Prayer's former owner, Terry Ramsden, was struggling from the second-last and in the end it was Freeflow who attended the winner up the hill at a respectful distance.

Whatever else their future holds, Mr Steele says firmly that Wing and A Prayer and Beat The Retreat will not take on each other in the Triumph, or any other race.

Wing and A Prayer was Jenkins' 53rd winner of the season and Francome's 69th. The champion jockey, who made it 70 on Emerald Watson in the Malvern Novices' Hurdle (Div. II), looked certain to win on Dumper as he cruised up to join Bright Oassis between the last two fences of the Cleeve Hill Handicap 'Chase.

But this was Dumper's first race for more than a year and he has never looked one of nature's greatest battlers. Nor, for that matter, has Bright Oassis, but with the race handed to him on a plate, he accepted gratefully.

Birthday spirit

Nineteen years after Arkle's last appearance at Cheltenham, it was fitting that 1985 should begin with a victory for the famous colours he used to carry. But immediately before the Northleach Conditional Jockeys' 'Chase it did not look as though Anne, Duchess of Westminster's 14-year-old Ballyross appreciated his responsibilities.

In the end, though reluctant to go down or set off with the others, the old horse got the birthday spirit. Glenfox, who had accompanied Ballyross to the races in his trainer Stan Mellor's box, could never get in a challenge.

As Mellor told the Duchess in the winner's enclosure: "That just rounds it off. First he tried to kick the side of my box down and now he comes and beats us!"

But Mellor, who also won with Oryx Minor at Leicester, had his journey made worthwhile when Bill Whitbread's Ten of Spades fulfilled the promise of his first run at Ascot by winning the Malvern Novices' Hurdle (Div. I). He would have had a very much harder job if Deep Trouble had not made such a lopsided hash of the last when still in front and going at least as well.

Another possibly significant incident had been the fall at the second-last of Broken Rail. He, too, was going particularly well and this, his second fall in as many races, was precisely what trainer Nick Gaselee did not want.

I am delighted to say that Dick Hern, who trained Broken Rail to win the Melrose Handicap and other races, continues to make satisfactory progress at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.

Sheer Gold success delights Harris

By HOWARD WRIGHT

PHIL HARRIS is used to success in both business and sport, but even he could not conceal his delight at Sheer Gold's New Year's Eve victory at Newbury.

Sheer Gold, the first winner to carry the colours of Harris's wife Pauline, made her English debut in the Ramsbury Hurdle and her brave threequarter length success over Nassau Royale, another former Irish-trained filly, had connections thinking about Cheltenham.

Mr Harris, who built up the Queensway furnishing business, has previously been associated with top-class show jumpers, the best being ridden by David Broome, but admits he may now be tempted to turn more to racing.

"I love winners, whether they are in a novice class at the smallest country show or in the top competitions," he said, "and watching Sheer Gold gave me enormous pleasure. The exciting thing is that she is sure to go on to better things."

Sheer Gold, trained by Toby Balding, was bought by Mrs Harris on an autumn trip to Ireland which also yielded The Grey Gunner, whom she rode on the Flat at Sandown Park in November. A week later, Mrs Harris was badly injured in a fall out hunting, but she has made a remarkably swift recovery and looks forward to riding Sheer Gold in the Newmarket Town Plate.

In the meantime, Sheer Gold will be entered for two long-distance races at Cheltenham. "She was one of the best stayers on the Flat in Ireland," said Mr Harris, "and with more experience over hurdles, we have got to think in terms of Cheltenham. I'd love to win the Champion Hurdle, though that may be aiming a little high this year."

Yesterday's numerical honours went to the Easterby brothers, Peter and Mick, though their combined treble at different tracks illustrated their differing fortunes this season.

Mick Easterby, without a winner since Nov. 14, won with Mr Snugfit at **Carlisle** and Crammond Brig at **Catterick Bridge** to take his score to seven. Brother Peter had his sixth winner in three racing days, and his 37th of the season, when Nohalmdun beat the favourite Against The Grain in the Wigston Hurdle at **Leicester**.

Crammond Brig completed a double for Martin Hindley, 21, who also won on Game Rocket. Tony Charlton was due to ride Game Rocket but he switched to Carlisle.

Ayr runners, riders and betting

HOTSPUR	FORM
12.45—Majestic Lad	12.45—Majestic Lad
1.15—Super Solo	1.15—Grinders
1.45—Keelby Kavalier	1.45—Mark Edelson
2.15—Charles Duke	2.15—Jockambel
2.45—Pitcrulvie	2.45—Twelter

Advance Official Going: SOFT

12.45: HAYHILL NOVICES' HURDLE 4-Y-O Penalty Value £1,088 2½m (5 declared)

1 03 Camlonnage, E. Carter. 10-9 ... M. Pepper
2 000 Cool Jamie (BL), R. Allan. 10-9 ... C. Grant
4 02 Majestic Lad, M. Lambert. 10-9 ... P. A. Charlton
5 00 Major Skite, D. Moorhead. 10-9 D. Condell (7)
6 Prime Stone, G. Richards, 10-9 ... N. Doughty

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Majestic Lad, 11-4 Camlonnage, 7-2 Prime Stone, 8 Major Skite, 12 Cool Jamie.

1.15: McALPINE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP 'CHASE £2,380 2½m (6)

3 F22 Grinders (C) (D), E. Carter. 7 11-7 P. A. Charlton
5 113 Another City (BF), G. Richards. 6 10-13 N. Doughty
6 333 Snow Blessed (CD), Denys Smith. 8 10-13 D. Leadbitter (7)
8 F14 Press Gang (C) (D), J. S. Wilson. 10 10-0 Mr P. J. Dun
9 -411 Super Solo, T. Craig. 9 10-0 (6lb ex) S. Charlton
10 P1P2 Polaro Smartie (CD), R. Goldie. 14 10-0 C. Grant

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Another City, 3 Grinders, 4 Super Solo, 6 Snow Blessed, 8 Press Gang, 10 Polaro Smartie.

1.45: AYR NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE £1,626 2m (5)

1 220- Keelby Kavalier (D), M. Lambert, 7 11-13 P. A. Charlton
5 420 Starlight Rocky, Miss Z. Green, 9 10-13 J. Goulding
6 1U0 Primrose Wood (D), G. Richards, 7 10-7 N. Doughty
7 213 Mark Edelson (CD), J. Jefferson, 8 10-6 M. Hill (7)
12 00-0 Burglars Walk (D), Denys Smith, 5 10-0 D. Leadbitter (7)

S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Mark Edelson, 5-2 Keelby Kavalier, 7-2 Primrose Wood, 6 Starlight Rocky, 12 Burglars Walk.

2.15: BARLEITH NOVICES' 'CHASE £1,258 3m 110y (7)

1 11P Jockambel (D), D. Thomson, 9 12-3 ... T. G. Dun
6 0 Brockhurst Lad, Denys Smith, 7 11-5 ... C. Grant
7 100 Charles Duke, G. Richards, 8 11-5 D. Coakley (4)
8 3PP Hummelmoor, A. Macraggart, 8 11-5 ... M. Dwyer
9 0-U0 Mend It, N. Bycroft, 7 11-5 ... P. A. Charlton
14 000 Victory Morn, J. Dixon, 9 11-5 ... B. Storey
15 4-34 Lillies Brig, C. Alexander, 7 11-0 Mr A. Dudgeon

S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Jockambel, 3 Charles Duke, 9-2 Lillies Brig, 6 Mend It, 10 Brockhurst Lad, 16 others.

2.45: COYLTON NOVICES' HURDLE £826 2½m (7)

3 102 Pitcrulvie (D), G. Richards, 6 11-3 ... N. Doughty
5 Auld Lang Syne (BL), J. Jefferson, 6 10-9 M. Hill (7)
7 0-0P Blackadder Brig, R. McDonald, 6 10-9 P. A. Farrell (7)
11 44F Royal Laser, D. Moorhead, 5 10-9 ... C. Grant
13 0-F2 Twelter, W. A. Stephenson, 6 10-9 Mr P. J. Dun
14 P Wishbone Whisper (BL), J. S. Wilson, 5 10-9 T. G. Dun
17 3-02 Heartbreak Hotel, Mrs B. Butterworth, 7 10-4 Mrs B. Butterworth

S.P. FORECAST: 2 Twelter, 11-4 Heartbreak Hotel, 4 Pitcrulvie, 5 Royal Laser, 10 Auld Lang Syne, 16 others.

3.0: HURLFORD NOVICES' HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,683 (1)

4 -034 Sword Game, W. Fairgrieve, 9 11-7 ... T. G. Dun

WALKS OVER

Towcester fields and SP forecast

HOTSPUR	FORM
1. 0—Allen Lad	1. 0—Conscription
1.30—Clutterbuck	1.30—Wyford
2. 0—Health N Happiness	2. 0—Paulatim
2.30—Tom Tailor	2.30—Tom Tailor
3. 0—Moonshot	3. 0—Playfields
3.30—Princess Henham	3.30—Steel Venture

Advance official going: GOOD TO SOFT

1.0: LONGWATER NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. I) Penalty Value £548 2m 5f 26y (12 declared)

2 041 Calmuncutter, C. James, 5 12-0 ... R. Arnott (4)
3 3-21 Conscription, J. Leigh, 5 12-0 ... —
4 0P1 Sandcliffe Again (C), D. Lamb, 6 12-0 N. Fearn (7)
6 Allen Lad, F. Winter, 6 11-4 ... R. Linley
8 003 Backstreet Guy, N. Henderson, 6 11-4 J. White
9 PP Country Circus, J. Gifford, 6 11-4 ... R. Rowe
11 404 Experimenting, D. Thom, 6 11-4 Mr D. Murphy (4)
13 P Nemo Kybo, R. Champion, 5 11-4 ... P. Double
16 Royal Tom, C. Loggin, 8 11-4 ... J. A. Harris
17 003 Erica Superba (BF), P. Bailey, 5 10-13 R. Strange
18 2-60 Piglet, S. Christian, 6 10-13 W. Newton (4)
19 060 Saucy Mop, P. M. Taylor, 5 10-13 ... —

Saucy Mop non-runner, states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Backstreet Guy, 3 Conscription, 9-2 Allen Lad, 11-2 Experimenting, 7 Erica Superba.

1.30: WATERHALL NOVICES' 'CHASE £939 2m 50y (12)

2 P-00 Astrowyn, C. James, 7 11-5 ... V. McKevitt
3 0-PF Blackbrook Star, P. Bevan, 7 11-5 —
4 311- Clutterbuck, F. Winter, 7 11-5 ... J. Duggan (4)
5 00F Excludor, P. W. Harris, 6 11-5 R. Strange
6 0-PF Finnesko (C), S. Christian, 7 11-5 Mr T. Reed (4)
8 1F3 Hs Tab, Earl Jones, 8 11-5 J. D. Doyle (4)
13 PP Rose Gleam, H. Manners, 8 11-5 Mr S. Bush (4)
17 000 Slip O'Grace, G. Kinn, 8 11-5 ... S. McNeill
19 04F The Royal Comrie, J. Webber, 6 11-5 M. Jenkins (7)
20 4-22 Wyford (BF), T. Forster, 8 11-5 ... H. Davies
21 044 Brown Veil, R. Armytage, 10 10-12 Miss G. Armytage (7)
24 00-0 More Fun, D. Nicholson, 8 10-12 G. Newman

S.P. FORECAST: 5-4 Clutterbuck, 6-4 Wyford, 8 The Royal Comrie, 12 More Fun, 16 Hs Tab, 20 others.

2.0: LONGWATER NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. II) £548 2m 5f 26y (15)

1 045 Collurey, J. Leigh, 7 11-4 ... —
2 0P Coolarap, Miss L. Bower, 6 11-4 ... R. Rowell
5 204 Health N Happiness, D. Thom, 6 11-4 Mr D. Murphy (4)
6 P-00 Kinsbourne Lad, M. Connell, 5 11-4 M. Hammond
7 030 Leopardo, J. Gifford, 5 11-4 ... R. Rowe
9 330 Light Sentence, P. Pritchard, 7 11-4 N. Fearn (7)
10 020 Lollys Patch, P. W. Harris, 5 11-4 ... R. Strange
12 224 Paulatim, N. Henderson, 5 11-4 ... P. Croucher (4)
14 032 Ten Below, Lady Herries, 7 11-4 ... M. Kinane
15 0-20 The Dulse, K. Bailey, 7 11-4 ... M. Richards
17 000 Wide Missouri, R. Champion, 5 11-4 ... P. Double
19 Chanelle, B. Cambidge, 5 10-13 Mr J. Cambidge (4)
22 00-4 Kitty Buskins, F. Sheridan, 7 10-13 G. Newman
23 P-P Nitty's Girl, C. Loggin, 9 10-13 Miss C. Saunders (7)
24 0 Premier Susan, S. Christian, 7 10-13 ... —

Premier Susan non-runner, states trainer

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Health N Happiness, 11-4 Paulatim, 4 The Dulse, 6 Wide Missouri, 8 Leopardo.

2.30: "WELL TO DO" CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,730 3m 190y (5)

6 112 Tom Tailor (BF), R. Armytage, 8 11-8 (6lb ex.) Mr M. Armytage (7)
7 2F3 Royal Admiral (CD), T. Forster, 10 11-7 H. Davies
12 312 Good As Ever (CD) (BF), G. Kindersley, 8 10-9 (6lb ex.) A. Webber
13 (F-P Bright Beacon, T. Forster, 11 10-5 Mr T. Thomson Jones
14 4P0- Vulroy's Pie (C), Mrs H. Dowson, 8 10-2 R. Dickin

S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Tom Tailor, 2 Good As Ever, 3 Royal Admiral, 12 Bright Beacon, 16 Vulroy's Pie.

3.0: DEER PARK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP 'CHASE £1,031 2m 5½f (9)

3 2-00 Moonshot (C), T. Forster, 11 11-7 ... P. Croucher
4 UP0 Crowning Moment (BL), I. Wardle, 10 11-1 ... —
6 0P-0 Tower Bridge, G. Small, 14 10-8 ... S. Earle
8 410 Doll Lars, T. Bulgin, 8 10-6 ... A. Jones
9 0-F0 Gold Racer, J. Dudgeon, 8 10-5 S. McDonald
10 2-23 Playfields, F. Burgoyne, 11 10-4 G. Charles-Jones
11 0-33 Sportiquick, J. Castle, 8 10-3 ... R. Trevor-Jones
12 3F3- Tara's News, R. Perkins, 8 10-0 ... P. Rutland
13 222 Rib Law (BL), Miss L. Bower, 11 10-0 M. Palmer

S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Playfields, 3 Moonshot, 9-2 Doll Lars, 6 Rib Law, 8 Gold Racer, 10 Crowning Moment.

3.30: BROADWATER HANDICAP HURDLE £1,007 2m (15)

4 134 The Diplomat (CD) (BF), D. Ringer, 7 11-7 S. McNeill
6 P04 Upper Note (CD), M. O'Halloran, 7 11-5 R. Campbell (4)
9 001 Steel Venture (BL) (D), M. Ryan, 6 11-4 (7lb ex.) J. McLaughlin
14 002 Princess Henham (D), N. Callaghan, 5 10-9 Mr D. Murphy (4)
15 PP-P Tallyrand (D), A. James, 6 10-8 ... —
16 1-P0 Lone Raider, J. L. Harris, 8 10-8 ... J. A. Harris
17 32-0 Davidoff (D), S. Avery, 9 10-8 ... —
18 10F Baton Match (D), M. Chapman, 5 10-4 J. Barlow
23 013/ Stan's Pet, P. Bevan, 7 10-0 ... —
24 000- Twice Lucky (D), F. Gibson, 6 10-0 Dale McKeown (7)
25 2-00 Prince's Drive (D), B. Palling, 7 10-0 ... —
27 RPP- Achilles, Mrs J. Croft, 9 10-0 ... —
28 /0-4 Warily, A. Price, 7 10-0 ... —

Prince's Drive non-runner, states trainer.

S.P. FORECAST: 2 The Diplomat, 3 Steel Venture, 9-2 Princess Henham, 6 Baton Match, 8 Lone Raider.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS & SP

CHELTENHAM

Going: SOFT

12.45: NORTHLEACH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS H'CAP 'CH 3m 1f. Penalty Value: £5,178.

BALLYROSS b g Cantab—Rosbrae (Anne Duchess of Westminster) 14 10-4 P. Croucher 7-2 1
GLENFOX b g Proverb—Dark Slave (P. Dickson) 8 10-9 G. Charles-Jones 1-2F 2
GALLEON BEACH br g Fine Blade—Dream Bird (E. Barber) 9 10-6 W. Knox 20-1 3

Also: 7 Roman Bistro. 4 ran. 6l, dist, 10l. (T. Foster, Wantage). Tote: win, £5·00; Dual F'cast: £1·70. SPSF £5·59. NR: Brooms Bank.

1.20: STEEL PLATE TRIAL HDLE 4-Y-O. £3,850. 2m.

WING AND A PRAYER b c Oats—Matcher (D. Steel) 11-7 J. Francome 11-10F 1
FREEFLOW b or br g Gibouler—Karen Mulholland (G. Richards) 11-3 J. Hanson 4-1 2
PAGAN SUN ch c Mount Hagen—Europeana (T. Ramsden) 11-0 A. Carroll 85-40 3

Also: 14 Prince Ramboro, 40 Miramac (6th), 66 Ballycrackers (4th), Basket Weave (5th). 7 ran. 6l, 12l, 8l, 6l, 5l. (J. Jenkins, Epsom). Tote: win, £2·40; places, £1·40, £1·60; Dual F'cast: £2·60. SPSF: £5·65. NR. Winging Flush.

1.55: STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG 'CHASERS NOV 'CH QUALIFIER £3,163 2m

DESTINY BAY b g Deer Run—Sweet Counter (G. Johnson) 7 11-7 S. Smith Eccles 2-5F 1
BUCKS GREEN b g Owen Anthony—Belle Arc (Mrs H. Trafford) 6 11-3 R. Rowe 4-1 2
RIG STEEL ch g Welsh Pageant—Fir Tree (R. Robins) 5 10-7 (Fell, remtd) S. Morshead 11-2 3

3 ran. 25l, dist. (N. Henderson, Lambourn). Tote: Win: £1·40. Dual F'cast: £1·70. SPSF: £2·12. NR: The Reject.

2.30: CLEEVE HILL H'CAP 'CH £4,386 2½m

BRIGHT OASSIS b g Laurence O—Brass Penny (Lt-Col E. Phillips) 9 10-2 P. Croucher 5-1 1
DUMPER b g Moulton — Roulette (N. Harrison) 8 10-12 J. Francome 2-1 2
VIRGIN SOLDIER b g Queens Hussar—Saintly Miss (Mrs I. Dibben) 8 10-2 S. Morshead 8-1 3

Also: 11-10F Tar Bridge. 4 ran. 5l, 12l, 2l. (K. Bailey, East Ilsley). Tote: Win, £4·40; Dual F'cast: £4·80. SPSF: £13·71. NRs: Kathies Lad, Left Bank, Homeson.

3.5 MALVERN NOV HDLE (Div. I) £1,520 2m

TEN OF SPADES b g Raise You Ten—Hansel Money (W. Whitbread) 5 10-10 G. Charles-Jones 4-5F 1
DEEP TROUBLE b g Deep Run—Arctic Actress (Mr S. E. Stuckwell) 6 11-0 J. Francome 7-2 2
ARAPHAHO PRINCE b g Arapaho—Golden Ark (Middlesex Trading Co Ltd) 6 11-7 S. Morshead 12-1 3

Also 15-2 Periscope (5th), 9 Broken Rail (f), 20 Al Trui, 33 Simark (4th), Point Clear, Americk (6th), 50 Branksome Towers, 100 Almurose Sound, Jeantek. 12 ran. 8l, 25l, 8l, 12l, 3½l. (S. Mellor, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £2·40, places, £1·70, £1·10, £2·20; Dual F'cast: £5·00. SPSF: £4·40. NR's: Chipped Metal, Dixton House, Oxhey College, Turkoman.

3.40: MALVERN NOV HDLE (Div. II) £1,528 2m

EMERALD WATSON ch g Free State—Go Gracefully (Mrs B. Samuel) 5 11-0 J. Francome 11-8JF 1
DEEP IMPRESSION b g Deep Run—Harmonet (N. Miller) 6 11-7 K. Mooney 11-8JF 2
AERIALIST b g High Line—Bellardita (Mrs T. Pilkington) 7 11-0 Mr A. J. Wilson 28-1 3

Also: 9 Star of a Gunner (6th), 16 Scottish Reward (4th), 33 Yacare (5th), Dunvegan Castle, Watts-Ever, 50 Premier Susan, 100 Master Buckram (p.u.). 10 ran. 1½l, 15l, 15l, 8l, ½l. (F. Winter, Lambourn). Tote Win, £2·50. places, £1·30, £1·20, £2·40. Dual F'cast: £2·20. SPSF: £3·40. NR's: Allen Lad, Firmament, Buckfast Abbey, Horn of Plenty.

TOTE DOUBLE. Destiny Bay & Ten of Spades £2·00. TREBLE: Wing And A Prayer, Bright Oassis & Emerald Watson £56·40. JACKPOT. £731·40. PLACEPOT: £54·40.

CATTERICK BRIDGE

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

12.45 (2m 'ch): Somerled (A. Stringer, 4-5F) 1. Jimmy Chips (P. A. Farrell, 3-2) 2. Mick's Ritual (R. O'Leary, 7-2) 3. 3 ran. 15l, 4l. (R. McDonald, Duns.) Tote, Win, £1·40. Dual F'cast, £1·50. SPSF: £2·74. N.R's. Drum Nullah, Abbey Avenue & Starlight Lad.

1.15 (2m hdle): Game Rocket (M. Hindley, 10-11) 1. Solar Light (J. Smith, 4-1) 2. Richards Bay (T. G. Dun, 5-2) 3. Also 4 Woodpecker Bay, 6 Barnaivra, 10 Fashion Lover (4th), Kuwait Taxi, 16 Miss Bella, Tufted Lucks, 25 Mahonus Hall (5th), Primelia (6th), Palletan, Heavenly Princess, Icarus Bay. 14 ran. 1l, 15l, 6l, 12l, 1l. (Bill Jones, Malton). Tote: Win, £17·50. places, £1·00, £1·60, £1·40. Dual F'cast, £6·40. SPSF [illegible]. N.R's. [illegible]

1.45 (3m 1f 80y 'ch): Last Deal (R. Earnshaw, EVENS F) 1. Unscrupulous Judge (T. G. Dun, 4-1) 2. Bone Step (R. O'Leary, 11-2) 3. Also 4 [illegible], 16 Solo [illegible] (4th), 20 [illegible]. 6 ran. 12l, 12l, dist. (Mrs M. Dickinson, Harewood). Tote Win, £1·80. places, £1·70, £1·20. Dual F'cast, £3·50. SPSF £5·54. N.R's: Book of Kells & Strawhill.

2.15 (3m 1f 80y hdle): Crammond Brig (M. Hindley, 9-2) 1. Simbad (M. Williams, 5-1) 2. Maracas Bay (R. Earnshaw, 20-1) 3. Also 4 Mollintiana (5th), 5 Bunney Surprise (p.u.), 15-2 Blue Tarquin (4th), 8 Joe's Fancy (p.u.), 10 Worthy Heiress, Shackle Pin (6th), 14 Wil-Tor (p.u.), 25 Demon King, 33 Conway Grove (p.u.). 12 ran. 10l, 3l, 3l, 10l, 15l. (M. W. Easterby, Sheriff Hutton). Tote: Win, £4·40; places, £1·40, £2·30, £5·40. Dual F'cast, £12·20. SPSF £30·79. Tricast: £250·61. N.Rs.: Run In Tune, Helsbow Grange.

2.45 (3m 300y 'ch): Little Midge (Mr M. Sowersby, 33-1) 1; Misty Spirit (A. Stringer, 12-1) 2; Ballywell (C. Smith, 8-1) 3. Also: 4-6F Scarlet Terror (u.r.), 7-2 Black Combe (p.u.), 12 Minnie Burgh (p.u.), Mighty Run (f), 20 Mendelita, 33 Impose (p.u.), Kingsley House (f), Marabou (p.u.). 11 ran. Nk, 30l, 25l. (Mrs A. Tomlinson, Pocklington, nr York). Tote: Win, £40·30. places, £4·00, £2·00, £1·50; Dual F'cast: Winner or second with any other £4·80. SPSF £375·58. N.R's: Carpenter's Way, Gamewood, Wold Walk.

3.15 (2m hdle): Swinoll Gunner (C. Grant, 7-2) 1; Matabele (J. O'Gorman, 5-4F) 2; Merchant Fruiterer (T. Wall, 14-1) 3. Also: 5-2 Runrannoch House, 16 Little Milliem (5th), Mainz Brig, 20 Balmaly (6th), 25 General Lee (4th), 33 Hollin Barn (p.u.), Mandrake Honey, Miss Woods. 11 ran. 2½l, 25l, 1½l, hd, 8l. (Denys Smith, Bishop Auckland). Tote: Win, £4·70. places, £1·40, £2·10; Dual F'cast: £5·80. SPSF, £8·34. NR's: Even Deeper, Fudge Delight, Highwood, Rhymaround.

PLACEPOT: £25·15.

LEICESTER

Going: 'Ch., GOOD; Hdle, SOFT

12.45 (2m hdle): Oryx Minor (M. Perrett, 4-1) 1. Sheralani (G. Bradley, 4-1) 2. Cruden Bay (P. Carvill, 25-1) 3. Also: 5-4F Cheeky Rupert (4th), 12 Polvnor (6th), 14 The Governor, 20 Alcinous (p.u.), Monclare Trophy (p.u.), Prenuptia Bride (5th), 25 Sultan Zeman (p.u.), 33 Cedres (p.u.), Stay Sharp (p.u.), 50 Bishop's Royal (p.u.), The Krack, Wingburn, Bishop Bras, Gilded Gift (p.u.), Hyperion Prince, Star Formula. 19 ran. ¾l, 3l, 1½l, 12l, 2½l. (S. Mellor, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £4·30; places, £1·10, £2·30, £8·70. Dual F'cast, £12·60. SPSF, £21·24. NR, Mill Brae.

1.15 (2m hdle): Nohalmdun (J. O'Neill, 5-2) 1; Against The Grain (P. Scudamore, 11-8F) 2; Shepherd's Hymn (G. Williams, 20-1) 3. Also: 6 Humberside Lady (4th), 9 Inset Lady (6th), 12 Mariner's Dream (5th), 16 Mike's Land, 25 Ritu, Quattuor Princess (p.u.), Solitarin (p.u.), 50 Poetic Justice (p.u.). 11 ran. ¾l, 10l, 5l, 2½l, 5l. (M. H. Easterby, Great Habton). Tote: Win, £3·40. places, £1·20, £1·30, £2·30. Dual F'cast, £2·70. SPSF, £6·50. NRs, Hassell Boy, Folkland, Manir.

1.45 (3m 'ch): Derryrau (Mr T. Thomson Jones, 9-2) 1. The Last Prince (J. O'Neill, 7-4F) 2. Macoliver (T. H. Davies, 4-1) 3. Also 11-4 Upham Kells (f), 14 [illegible] (p.u.), 66 Dunlion (4th), Lone Boots, Run Rifle (f). 8 ran. 1½l, 10l. (Lady Herries, Littlehampton). Tote: Win, £4·70. places, £1·10, £1·50, £1·20. Dual F'cast, £5·60. SPSF, £11·55. NRs, Geata An Tirce, Chalfont Hill, Goldman, Imperial Saint, Omaline, El Searnlate.

2.15 (3m 'ch): Postdene [illegible] 1. Sharannin (H. Davies, 7-4F) 2. Palatinate (P. Scudamore, 11-4) 3. Also 5 Rockfield Boy, 16 Motion Law (p.u.). 5 ran. 1½l, 5l, 10l. [illegible] Tote: Win, £2·80. places, £1·20, £1·50. Dual F'cast, £4·50. SPSF: £8·22. NR's: [illegible] Present, Deep Moppet, Spanish Rattlesnake.

2.45 (3m hdle): Kevin Evans (M. Bowlby, 5-2) 1; Oregon Trail (Mr T. Thomson Jones, 15-8) 2. Le Sarthois (J. O'Neill, 12-1) 3. Also 11-2 Anlua (p.u.), 9 Janvik (6th), 12 Noble Parol (4th), 14 Shirley Grove, 25 High Value (5th). 8 ran. 2l, 15l, 3l, 8l, 15l. (Mrs J. Pitman, Upper Lambourn). Tote: Win, £4·00. places, £1·10, £1·60, £2·20. Dual F'cast, £5·60. SPSF £7·28. Tricast, £59·54. NR's: [illegible], Mac's Treasure, Le Levador, [illegible] Run & Blaze.

3.15 (2m hdle): Tawridge (Steve Knight, 15-8F) 1. Aziano (P. Scudamore, 25-1) 2. I'm A Dealer (M. Bowlby, 9-2) 3. Also 7-2 Nice One Andy (5th), 6 The [illegible], 9 Merelski, 14 Aboushabun (4th), 25 Shelgan, Times Bee (6th), 33 Ascenbar, Lordon Gate Major, Ruby And Sapphire (f), Royal Condor (p.u.), Tiresome (p.u.), Golden Lad, Mr Billy. 17 ran. 2l, 2½l, 4l, ½l, 3l. (A. Turnell, Marlborough). Tote Win, £4·20 places, £1·90, £5·60, £3·00. Dual F'cast £43·50. SPSF £45·95. NR's: Dixton House, Foresters Lad, Highwood, Norfolk Flight, Mischievous Jack, Surprise Attack.

PLACEPOT: £5·75.

WINDSOR

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

1.0 (2m 30y hdle): Biddable (Peter Hobbs, 100-30) 1. Toport (P. Corrigan, 7-2) 2. Full Brigade (M. Furlong, 7-2) 3. Also 7-2 Shirley Crepella (4th), 7 Ten Gold (5th), 16 Linton Glen, 33 Shirley Miss (6th). 7 ran. 4l, 3l, 7l, 2l, dist. (R. Hodges, Somerton). Tote Win, £3·90. places, £1·70, £2·20. Dual F'cast, £12·80. SPSF, £14·07. Tricast, £36·15. NR's: [illegible]

1.30 (2m 40y 'ch): Bright Morning (T. Akehurst, 9-4) 1. Rock Saint (C. Newman, 6-4F) 2. [illegible] 3. Also [illegible]. Tote [illegible] places, £1·50 [illegible]. SPSF £3·97.

2.0 (2m 30y hdle): Ra Nova (R. Dunwoody, 11-8F) 1. Janus [illegible] (11-4) 2. Everseal (S. Smith, 7-1) 3. Also 11-2 Brave Hussar, 10 Rhythmic Pastimes (5th), 12 Mount Hope (4th), 50 Sir Blessed (p.u.), Loess Way (p.u.). 8 ran. 20l, 4l, 1½l, 8l, dist. (Mrs N. Kennedy, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £2·40. places, £1·30, £1·20, £1·70. Dual F'cast, £5·50. SPSF, £8·50. NR's, Ascot Linton.

2.30 (2½m 'ch): Manton Castle (S. Webber, 9-4) 1. Donegal Prince (J. A. Harris, 5-4F) 2. Shady Deal (M. Pitman, 9-1) 3. Also [illegible], 20 [illegible] (p.u.), All Pure Elegance (p.u.). 6 ran. 2l, dist, 3l. (R. Armytage, East Ilsley). Tote. Win, £2·60: places £1·60, £1·70. Dual F'cast, £2·30: SPSF, £6·44. N.Rs.: Heir Captain, Eggnog, Jakko.

3.0 (2m 40y 'ch): Romana Mia (R. Dunwoody, 5-2F) 1. Sir Kenwin (A. Webber, 7-2) 2. Rebel Star (J. Akehurst, 13-2) 3. Also: 11-4 Silva Landa (bd), 6 [illegible] (f), 16 Mallredee (5th), 20 Ric Roller (4th), Madam Butterfly (6th), 33 Shell Lane. 9 ran. 3l, 12l, 25l, 2l, dist. (T. Forster, Wantage.) Tote: Win, £3·00; places, £1·20, £1·30, £2·00; Dual F'cast, £5·90. SPSF: £12·00. NRs. Simon Bolivar, Manna Reef, Sundial, Tricky Business.

3.30 (2¾m hdle): Chelsea Maid (R. Dunwoody, 100-30) 1. High Heaven (G. Moore, 20-1) 2; American Girl (M. Hammond, 10-1) 3; Celtic Cracker (A. Webber, 7-1) 4. Also: 15-8F Pelion, 12 Linton (5th), Promenetto, Royalty Miss, 14 Mister Pill, Tell Us Another (p.u.), Wordel (6th), 20 Le Gran Brun, 25 Summercove (p.u.), 33 Fading Dawn (p.u.), Day After (p.u.), On Trust, Tallmax. 17 ran. 10l, 4l, ¾l, 8l, 3l. (D. Laing, Lambourn.) Tote: Win, £4·70; places, £1·20, £2·80, £1·90, £1·70. Dual F'cast, £254·80. SPSF: £73·33. Tricast: £598·51. NRs. Oregon Trail, Havon Air, Party Miss, Le Levador, Gold Tycoon, Ballyseedy Hero, Bell Hop.

PLACEPOT: £8·90.

CARLISLE

Going: SOFT

12.45: Polly's Pal (Mr C. Storey, 5-2) 1; Trollena (13-8F) 2; Stand Back (7-4) 3. 4 ran. 10l, 7l. (S. Payne). Tote: Win, £2·70. Dual F'cast, £2·70. SPSF, £6·41.

1.15: Boston Boy (S. Keightley, 25-1) 1; Santano (13-8F) 2; Tom Noel (11-2) 3. 9 ran. 12l, 12l. (R. Woodhouse). Tote: Win, £12·50; Places, £3·10, £1·30, £2·60. Dual F'cast: £19·20. SPSF, £61·57.

1.45: Mr Snugfit (P. Tuck, 9-4F) 1; Preben Fur (7-2) 2; Holborn Head (9-2) 3. 7 ran. 8l, 15l. (M. W. Easterby). Tote: Win, £3·20. Places, £2·20, £1·30. Dual F'cast: £4·40. SPSF, £9·82. NR Chetrl.

2.15: Strands of Gold (M. Dwyer, 13-8F) 1. Roman Dusk (5-1) 2. Teenage Love (8-1) 3. 15 ran. 2l, 3l. (J. FitzGerald). Tote: Win, £5·20, places, £1·70, £2·30, £3·00; Dual F'cast, £7·70. SPSF £6·15. NR Gold Lane, Twelter & Little [illegible].

2.45: Binoe (Mr J. Walton, 12-1) 1. Secondary Image (9-4) 2; Hazy Day (25-1) 3. 11 ran. Brother Geoffrey 2-1F. 3l, 2l. [illegible] Tote Win, £15·40. places, £3·10, £1·60, £5·00. Dual F'cast, £20·00. SPSF £73·12. NR: Scarlet Terror, Mainsforth Queen.

3.15: Melhaden (A. Brown, 7-2F) 1. Holly Runs (4-1) 2. Secret Lake (8-1) 3. 9 ran. Wold Rat 7-2JF. 2l, 1½l. (M. H. Easterby). Tote: Win, £2·80. places, £1·20, £2·20, £1·70. Dual F'cast, £6·50. SPSF £17·15.

PLACEPOT. Not won, pool of £65[illegible] carried forward to Ayr today.

DEVON & EXETER

Going: HEAVY

1.00: Gremlek (P. Murphy, 5-2) 1. Bickleigh Bridge (9-2) 2. Pitham (12-1) 3. 4 ran. Hexel 9-4F. hd, 1l. (J. Old). Tote: Win, £2·60. places, £1·40, £1·60, £2·50. Dual F'cast: £7·10. SPSF, £15·48. N.R.: The County Stone.

1.30: Thunder Rock (R. Goldstein, 14-1) 1. Archie's Nephew (7-2) 2. Carado (11-2) 3. 14 ran. Woodway 2-1F. [illegible] (A. Davison). Tote: Win, £15·20. places, £3·50, £2·00, £2·00. Dual F'cast, £55·30. SPSF, £65·31. NRs: Ferndale Lad, Quiet Country, [illegible].

2.00: Cats Eyes (P. Leach, 6-4F) 1. [illegible] (9-1) 2. Halation's Flair (33-1) 3. 13 ran. 12l, 10l. (M. Pipe). Tote: Win, £2·80. places, £2·10, £2·60, £24·60. Dual F'cast, £15·00. SPSF, £19·50. Tricast, £355·32. N.R's. Horn of Plenty, Foresters Lad & Royal Condor.

2.30: Fort Courage [illegible] (6-1) 1. [illegible] (5-2) 2. Burgill (6-1) 3. 13 ran. 3l, 8l. T. Hallett. Tote: Win, £9·30. places, £1·90, £1·00, £1·10. Dual F'cast, £6·60. SPSF, £19·36. NRs: [illegible].

3.00: Rainbow Lady (P. Leach, 7-2) 1; Faker House (13-2) 2; Irish Williams (14-1) 3. 8 ran. 12l, dist. (M. Pipe). Tote: Win, £1·70. places, £1·10, £1·50, £2·50. Dual F'cast, £5·20. SPSF: £6·00. NRs. Solar Light, [illegible], Calico Girl, Sunny Princess, Valiant Dancer.

3.30: Gold Tycoon (Mr S. Sherwood, 7-4F) 1. [illegible] (33-1) 2; Ballyseedy Hero (20-1) 3; Flonnadoir (7-1) 4. 16 ran. 5l, 3l. (J. Spearing). Tote: Win, £2·90; places, £1·50, £5·70, £2·60, £1·70. Dual F'cast, £108·60. SPSF: £67·91. Tricast: £877·51. NRs: Molon Love, Tijuca.

PLACEPOT: £21·00.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CHELTENHAM

Course Winners.—12.30 (3m hdle): Hal's Joy (2½m hdle), Commonty (2½m hdle). 1.5 (3m 1f 'ch): Glyde Court [illegible]. 2.15 (4m 'ch): Lucky Vane (4m 'ch), Bonum Omen (4m 'ch). 2.50 (2m 'ch): St Alezan (2½m 'ch twice), Restless Shot (2m 'ch twice), Toirdealbhach (2m 'ch twice), Walnut Wonder (2m 'ch), Freight Forwarder (2m 'ch), Water Rock (2m 'ch).

Jockeys (since Aug., 1979).—Francome 36, Linley 19, Rowe 18, Scudamore 18, J. J. O'Neill 14, Morshead 13, Mr A. J. Wilson 12, Smith Eccles 10, C. Brown 8, Davies 8, Barton 8.

Trainers.—F. Winter 48, In Ireland 27, F. Walwyn 27, M. H. Easterby 14, [illegible] 13, Mrs M. Rimell 12, L. Kennard 10, M. Tate 10, [illegible] 9, Mellor 10, Henderson 8, Nicholson 8, G. Richards 8.

NEW YEAR'S EVE 1-2-3 AND BETTING

NEWBURY

Going: SOFT

12.30: Indiana Dare (H. Jenkins, [illegible]) 1. Ever Great (9-1) 2. Champagne Charlie (12-1) 3. 13 ran. Le Levador [illegible]F. [illegible] Tote: Win, £6·20; places [illegible]. Dual F'cast, £29·40. SPSF: £32·31. Tricast: [illegible].

1.0: Arabian Music (R. Rowe, 10-11) 1. [illegible] (9-2) 2. Co Member 3. [illegible] Tote: Win, [illegible]. Dual F'cast: [illegible]. SPSF: £40·31. Objection to winner by 2nd overruled.

1.30: Mauri Venture (Steve Knight, 4-1) 1; Ardent Spy (4-1) 2. Door Latch (15-8F) 3. 5 ran. 2½l, nk. (A. Turnell, Marlborough). Tote: Win, £4·40; places, £3·00, £1·70; Dual F'cast: £8·10. SPSF, £16·71.

2.0: Sheer Gold (B. Reilly, 6-1) 1. Nassau Royale (13-1) 2. Gallant Buck (14-1) 3. 11 ran. Meister (3JF). ¾l, sh hd. (G. Balding, Weyhill). Tote: Win, £6·30, places, £2·10, £1·90, £1·20. Dual F'cast, £5·15. SPSF: £24·35.

2.30: Mr Moonraker (B. Powell, 6-1) 1. Admiral's Cup (5-1) 2. Hazy Sunset (7-2) 3. 6 ran. Very Promising 6-4F. 7l, 15l, 1l. (L. Kennard, Taunton). Tote: Win, £6·70; places, £2·10, [illegible]. Dual F'cast, £27·30. SPSF: £31·66.

3.0: Highland Climber (R. Dunwoody, 5-1) 1. Clara Mountain (5-4F) 2; Punters Lad (16-1) 3. 12 ran. 10l, 3½l. [illegible] Upper Lambourn). Tote: Win, £5·50, places, £1·60, £1·50, £4·80. Dual F'cast, £6·70. SPSF: £17·37. Tricast: £87·18. NR: [illegible].

TOTE DOUBLE. £112·85. TREBLE £9·85 (Paid on first 2nd). PLACEPOT: £790·40.

CATTERICK BRIDGE.—12.45: Charlotte's Dance (11-10F) 1. [illegible] (33-1) 2. Keycorn (9-2) 3. 1.15: Mr Pengee (7-4JF) 1. Royal Bishop (5-1) 2. Reay's Song (7-4JF) 3. 1.45: Comedy Fair (7-4) 1. High Old Time (14-1) 2. San Fernando (8-1) 3. Tot (5-1) 4. Emandar 9-4F. 2.15: Carpenter's Way (2-1) 1. Strawhill (11-8F) 2. [illegible] (14-1) 3. 2.45: Sula Bula (4-11F) 1. Dawn Deer (7-1) 2. Haydn Ranch (33-1) 3. 3.15: Amber Heights (5-1) 1. Luxury (7-1) 2. Starshot [illegible] 3. Fudge Delight 5-4F. [illegible]

LEICESTER.—1.0: Mr Menacing (11-2) 1. Hardwick Amber (13-2F) 2. Solar Light (4-1) 3. 1.30: French Captain (7-2) 1. God's House (13-2) 2. [illegible] (15-2) 3. 2.0: [illegible] Wise Words (12-1) [illegible] Mr Major 50-1. Golden Minstrel (15-8). 2.30: [illegible] (4-5F) 1. Royal Norman (14-1) 2. [illegible] (13-2) 3. 3.0: Mister Skip (15-8F) 1. Shamule (10-1) 2. [illegible] (5-2) 3. 3.30: Dixton House (4-1) 1. Scotsman Ice (4-5F) 2. Deep Echo (9-2) 3.

INVESTMENT & BUSINESS

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Weak gold hits rand

THE London gold price, undermined by the renewed strength of the dollar, closed $3·50 lower at $305·50 an ounce yesterday, which in turn sent the South African rand to a historic low against the dollar.

The rand, reflecting its sensitivity to the gold price and the dollar, touched 49·6 cents on the first trading day of 1985. Last March the rand stood at 85 cents, and the weaker currency has raised economists' fears that the South African inflation rate, now at 13 p.c., could rise further.

Gold accounts for almost half of South Africa's foreign exchange earnings.

Good AIM

AVIATION equipment specialist A I M Group has increased its interim profits to Oct. 31 from £488,000 to £835,000 on turnover up from £6·2m to £7·3m.

The group is confident that higher second half deliveries will maintain progress and has declared an unchanged interim dividend of 1·9p, payable April 1.

Questor—P19

German record

WEST GERMAN stock markets got the New Year off in style yesterday with the Commerzbank index of 60 leading shares achieving a record to close at 1,118·40 for a rise of 10·50 points.

Sharply higher German bond sales last year boosted turnover on the Frankfurt bourse from Dm 93·55 billion to a record Dm 121·54 billion. Share turnover was little changed at Dm 45·26 billion.

Bowring sale

C T BOWRING has sold its underwriting agency business to Murray Lawrence & Partners as part of the mandatory separation between brokers and underwriters at Lloyd's.

All divestments must be completed within the next two years and have to be approved by the ruling council of Lloyd's, which has given the Murray Lawrence purchase the go-ahead.

Hongkong hopes

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, in its latest economic report, says that Hongkong is entering 1985 with a renewed sense of confidence and optimism following the signing of the Sino-British agreement.

The bank suggests gross domestic product will grow by a real 10 p.c. in 1985, which compares with the recent forecast of 6 p.c. to 7 p.c. growth made by Mr Bremridge the Financial Secretary. Last year the growth rate was about 8 p.c.

Souza's new note

SOUZA CRUZ, B A T Industries' 75 p.c.-owned Brazilian company, has been restructured as a separate operating business within the group.

The company accounts for 80 p.c. of the Brazilian tobacco market but has been expanding rapidly in other areas, and its new status puts it on a par with B A T operations in the United States and West Germany.

Brokers' view

THE coming year will be another excellent one for growth and inflation, stockbrokers Simon & Coates suggest in their latest economic forecasts.

They expect economic expansion to continue at an underlying rate — abstracting from the impact of the miners' strike — of 2·75 p.c., with inflafition falling to 4·25 p.c. by the year-end.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM (ANF CBS Genl)	186·60	+ 4·70
BRUSSELS (Stock Index)	2,174·44	—
FRANKFURT (Commerzbank)	1,118·40	+10·50
HONGKONG (Hang Seng)	1,220·74	+20·36
NEW YORK (Dow Jones)	1,198·87	−12·70
PARIS (CAC General)	174·44	− 6·96
SYDNEY (All Ord.)	729·00	+ 2·90
TOKYO (Nikkei Dow)	Closed	
ZURICH (Credit Suisse)	Closed	

U.S. RATES

Federal funds ... 9½ p.c. (9¾ p.c.)
Treas 3 month bills 7·84-7·79 (7·85-7·80)
Long bonds ... $100·03 ($101·28)
Yield ... 11·71 p.c.

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Comex): Jan. 302·60 (307·90). Feb. 304·20 (309·70). April 308·10 (313·80). June 312·60 (318·30). Aug. 317·30 (323·40). Oct. 322·20 (328·50) Dec. 327·40 (333·90). Feb. 332·50 (339·60). April June 344·70 (351·80). Aug. 351 (358·30). Oct. 357·60 (365·20). COPPER: Jan. 55·70 (56·40). March 56·40 (57·20). May 57·00 (57·85). July 57·60 (58·45). Sept. 58·20 (59·05). Dec. 59·20 (60). Jan. 59·55 (60·30). March 60·30 (61). May 61·00 (61·70). July 61·70 (62·40). Sept. 62·4 (63·10). Est. sales: 9,000 contracts.

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	607·36	(−4·64)
"500"	644·88	(−5·19)
All-share	592·94	(−4·37)

North Sea oil prices lower on spot market

By ROLAND GRIBBEN

NORTH SEA oil prices dropped further in spot market trading yesterday as the Government continued to play for time before deciding on another cut in contract charges.

Brent oil, the basis for the British National Oil Corporation price structure, dropped to $26·35-40 a barrel for delivery next month, widening the gap with the official contract price of $28·65.

The latest drop underlines the continuing surplus of light oil and the market feeling that Britain will be forced to cut prices again because there is little prospect that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' efforts to shore up the market will succeed.

But the Government is prepared to sweat it out for most of the month before showing its hand to avoid making any premature move and run the risk of triggering a free fall in prices.

Mr Walker, Energy Secretary, and Mr Buchanan-Smith, Energy Minister, have yet to give B N O C the nod to switch to a spot market-related formula and the main oil suppliers, Shell, British Petroleum and Esso, are far from enthusiastic about seeing another fall in the North Sea reference price.

B N O C loses are rising again as the difference between spot and contract charges increases. More of its remaining customers are opting out of contracts and more of the 800,000 barrels a day available for third party sale is being channelled through the spot market.

It is being argued in some quarters that continuing B N O C losses is a small price to pay when measured against the £12 billion plus a year income to the Exchequer from North Sea revenues.

B N O C, while signalling its intention before Christmas of cutting prices, has yet to start detailed discussions with oil companies about first-quarter contracts and is caught in the middle of the cat and mouse game between Britain and Opec.

The timetable for a British move on prices has been complicated by Opec's decision to meet again later this month to assess the market response to its modest price changes and the proposals for tighter controls on quotas and the 16 million barrel-a-day output ceiling.

Opec fudging on the issue of an increase in heavy oil and a cut in light oil prices has produced divisions within the 13-member cartel and added to the market pressure for a more radical Opec change.

The squabbling inside the organisataion continued yesterday with Iraq denying Opec had given Iran clearance to discount its oil to offset higher shipping rates resulting from tanker attacks by the warring states. Earlier Iran had said Opec had agreed to a discount.

The main short-term hope for prices to strengthen lies in a sharp burst of colder weather in the United States and Europe. Stocks are vulnerable to a sudden increase in demand after a sustained rundown.

● Spot market traders said yesterday that Russia is resisting pressure from customers for a cut in its $28 a barrel price for contracted supplies. Russia's Urals oil was being quoted at a 50 cent discount in the spot market just before Christmas.

Wall Street gets off to a sluggish start

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

GLOOMY United States interest rate forecasts cast a cloud over Wall Street investors and forced shares sharply lower during the first day of New Year trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was under pressure for most of the day, although brief periods of consolidation helped to stem the slide somewhat. Shortly before the close the index was off more than nine points at 1202·34.

The index ended at 1198·87, down 12·70.

Traders said part of the decline was caused by traditional New Year profit-taking. Selling is usually brisk in the first days of January as investors do not have to pay taxes on profits until April of the following year and many take advantage of that 16-month tax timetable to enlarge profit gains.

The technical selling pressure added to a slide in prices sparked by dismal interest rate predictions. Most economists believe America's interest rates will rise slowly an dsteadily this year. Further, the consensus view holds that since the United States economy has begun to bounce-back from the doldrums interest rates should begin an upward march soon.

Although only a few economists are predicting any dramatic shifts in interest rates, the outlook this year for slightly higher long and short term interest rates depressed trading nevertheless.

Blue chips were under particularly heavy pressure and oil companies fared poorly in the wake of disappointment with the outcome of the Opec meeting, which ended over the weekend.

Oil shares plunged amid expectations that the price could fall to $25 a barrel and most industry stocks were down at least one point in heavy trading.

Crocker National, the California operator half-owned by Midland Bank dropped $1⅛ in active trading

● Sterling in New York closed at $1·1490 against $1·1592.

ACT clashes with Victor

APPLIED Computer Techniques is being sued over the Sirius computer with which the company made its name and got entry to the United Kingdom microcomputer business.

Victor Technologies, maker of the machine, is suing to have ownership of the name and is threatening to cut off further supplies of computers to A C T.

Victor has been rescued from a "Chapter 11" receivership by being taken over and has set up its own distribution system in the United Kingdom which it had planned to operate alongside A C T.

But A C T said it had spent considerable money and effort establishing the Sirius (the computer was sold as Victor in most places).

But Victor says the Sirius name has always been associated with its machines and has asked for an injunction to be declared owner of the trademark.

Victor wants the name because it is planning a series of product launches. The first is a transportable version of the computer, called the Vicki at £2,870, against £2,525 for the basic desk machine. Another product is a circuit board which will down grade the Sirius performance to make it compatible with the I B M P C.

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CITY COMMENT

Crocker pushes Midland's back to the wall

MIDLAND BANK could now be up for sale after its latest fiasco. Yesterday's announcement revealing a post-tax loss of £215 million during the fourth quarter at Crocker Bank shocked the stock market and angered many of the City analysts who had been led to believe that Crocker's fortunes were on the turn after Midland sent in its own management team and sorted through the loan portfolio early last year.

Crocker's losses for the full year have suddenly jumped to £324 million and the losses in California may well wipe out Midland's own trading profits, leaving them with only property disposals to put in the profit and loss account. Midland has promised that the dividend for 1984 will not be cut, but finance director Michael Julien admitted yesterday that it will be partially uncovered.

Maintaining the net dividend on the Ordinary shares will cost the bank £58 million and some analysts think that means published profits for the full year will be no more than £40 million compared with a first half profit of £70 million which itself reflected a first half loss of £80 million from Crocker.

The sudden worsening reflects the simultaneous depression in two of California's staple industries, agriculture and oil. The sheer strength of the dollar has hit California's farming industry hard, and especially the wine growing industry which relies heavily on exports. Wine land values have fallen from $10,000 to $6,000 an acre. The California oil industry has been equally hard hit by the oil glut.

Sir Donald Barron, the Midland chairman, says the deterioration is in the existing portfolio and does not mean that new problems have emerged. The new management team is taking a tough line on the Crocker business. But John Ginarlis, chief bank analyst at Quilter Goodison, spoke for the majority of analysts yesterday in criticising the further chapter of disasters.

Midland is having to inject another $250 million into Crocker in the shape of an issue of 8 p.c. cumulative convertible stock and extending other facilities which altogether add $400 million to Crocker's year-end reserves. Midland is also revising again its terms for buying out the remaining 43 p.c. of Crocker to $225 million, a reduction of about $50 million on the previous terms, and expects to complete the deal this month.

Even if Crocker has now been purged and patched, as claimed, it is hard to see when Midland can think of actually increasing its dividend again at a time when Barclays and National Westminster are expected to produce increases of 10 p.c. a year.

Fund managers must now be looking at their holdings of Midland Bank shares. In the four and a half years since they made their fateful bid for Crocker, Midland shares have staged a half-hearted rally and fallen right back to where they strted while the 30-share index has more than doubled.

Yesterday Midland Bank shares fell 27p to 347p after touching 340p. But things could have been even worse without hopes of an outright bid for Midland which even the Bank of England might now welcome.

Without a bid Midland is now in a bind. Its capital ratio is testing the 4 p.c. minimum the Bank of England requires. A rights issue seems out of the question and the chairman yesterday denied any thoughts of selling Samuel Montagu or Thomas Cook.

If Midland is to stay independent the choice may rest between patching up the capital ratios with perpetual floating rate notes which the authorities could class a primary capital or selling off property. But if things are as bad as they seem a bid may yet be best.

American banking laws seem to rule out an American buyer because that would require letting Crocker go. B P is the market's "banker" if a British bidder is required. At £800 million it could afford to buy Midland outright tomorrow without even diluting the Government's stake in B P.

Old fears in New Year

FEARS of a rerun of last summer's surge in interest rates revived with a vengeance yesterday after sterling began the New Year as it ended the Old. The pound went down below $1·14 during the afternoon before staging a modest rally which left it at $1·1465, down 1⅛ cent on the day and another all-time low. The sheer strength of the dollar was again the main factor, but sterling also fell against Continental currencies, and its weighted average value fell 0·5 to 72·5 p.c. of the 1975 level, after touching 73·3 p.c.

There was nothing new in the market, except for the monotonous new lows at which the pound closed. But the self-congratulatory tone of the previous week when dealers contrasted the stability of current interest rates with the events of last July when the pound at $1·30 touched off a 2¾ p.c. jump in base rates has vanished.

Three-month money in the inter bank market which hovered around 10 p.c. last week, jumped to 10¼—10⅜ p.c. At that level, Barclays Bank which likes to keep its base rate within half per cent of the three-month inter bank rate must be looking at its 9¾ p.c. base rate carefully. The other big banks whose base rates are at 9½ p.c. must be feeling even more exposed.

With events of the summer now very clearly back in focus, the market remembers that a three-quarters per cent, rise in base rates then proved insufficient to restore confidence and a further 2 p.c. was required.

Yesterday the market was saying that a token upward move might risk a further repetition of events and if the pressure on sterling stays, a 2 p.c. rise in base rates might be needed. Even that is no guarantee of stability. Sterling has been weakening although United States rates have been easing

Pit strike digs deep

AS THE miners' strike drags on into the New Year so too does the damage to the Government's finances. In the City the general concensus is that if the strike lasts until Easter it will add £2·5 billion to public spending and borrowing in 1984-85. This is £1 billion more than allowed for by the Chancellor when he revised up his borrowing forecast to £8·5 billion at Budget time.

Calculations by Gavin Davies, of Stockbrokers Simon & Coates, suggest that the strike may now be costing £80 to £85 million a week in gross terms, reflecting extra winter oil burn in the power stations compared with an average of £60 million a week up to the end of August. The cash cost could be £20 million a week less than this because of savings from destocking.

There is not much prospect of offsetting the cost by raising extra cash elsewhere. The Chancellor has already reached his £1·9 billion target for asset sales this year and the delay in privatising British Airways has probably put paid to hopes of raising any more. The boost to North Sea oil revenues from the pound's latest slide against the dollar will not feed through until 1985-86.

The knock-on costs of the strike, even if it ends by Easter, in 1985-86 could be very substantial as restocking, repairing damaged coalfaces and restarting the coal board's delayed investment programme get under way.

While the Treasury is still keen on a "Scargill surcharge" on electricity bills — overruled by the Prime Minister as an emergency measure last summer — there are political limits on the size of any price increase.

Leeds Permanent defends handshake

TWO non-executive directors of the £6 billion Leeds Permanent Building Society are to share a £62,000 golden handshake when it absorbs the far smaller Leeds & Holbeck society in April.

Three directors of the £500 million Leeds & Holbeck will also share £28,000 unless savers with the two societies object to the plans at meetings this month.

The two Leeds Permanent directors are both past chief general managers and presidents, but both are now retired from executive duties. Leonard Hyde is 69, and Alfred Schofield 71.

They will not join the merged societies' board, and the compensation, shared roughly equally, is based on directors' fees of about £10,000 a year. Both will also receive pensions.

A Leeds Permanent spokesman last night defended the unusual proposal, saying: "It is because of their years of service, and those which they could have put in if they did not retire at this stage. We do not have an age limit for retiring and they're only going now because the board would be too big."

Barlow is new BICC chairman

SIR WILLIAM BARLOW has become chairman and chief executive of B I C C following the retirement of Lord Pennock.

Sir William, 60, has been deputy chairman and chief executive since July last year.

Meanwhile, the decision by its 81·2 p.c. owned Canadian subsidiary Phillips Cables to run down and close its manufacturing plant in Watertown, New York, knocked 9p off the shares of B I C C to 228p yesterday.

Caparo gets £4m for Tawse stake

CAPARO INDUSTRIES, the engineering and electronics group, has sold its entire 16 p.c. stake in steel stockholder Brown & Tawse, for £4·2 million.

The holding, together with a further 238,000 shares held by its parent Caparo Group, were placed yesterday with institutions and other investors by the steel stockholders' brokers Laing & Cruickshank at 126p.

Brown & Tawse chairman Stephen Rae spoke of an "obvious sense of relief" that such a large holding had placed with institutions.

He was pleased that they had taken such a favourable view of the company's prospec.

Vickers yard sale nearer

EXPERTS led by Lazards merchant bank are close to completing a prospectus for the sale to private enterprise of the State-owned Vickers shipyard, which made a trading profit of £21·2 million last year and £18·3 million in 1983.

The Government hopes it will fetch £80 million, but there are no signs yet of any potential buyers for the Barrow-in-Furness business which makes nuclear submarines and which is having another £200 million spent in capital investment.

In the background remains the battle being pursued in the European courts by Vickers plc, which claims the £14·5 million it received for nationalisation in 1977 was inadequate and ought to be boosted by a further £25 million.

Vickers' directors considered making a bid to recover the yard, but has decided it no longer fits in with the structure of the company.

They also fear economic policy may force the Government to curtail the £10 billion Trident nuclear submarine programme, which would certainly be halted or curtailed by either a Labour or an Alliance Government.

Also in final stages of preparation for British Shipbuilders are documents on which bids will be invited for the sale of the Swan Hunter, Cammell Laird and Vosper Thornycroft yards. Similar documents are already in circulation for the sale of the Brooke Marine, Hall Russell and Yarrow shipyards, with management trying to organise direct bids.

Commodities tax reform plea

THE London commodity markets are stepping up their campaign in front of the Budget for a radical change in tax treatment as the best way to maintain and increase London's share of the international trade in futures contracts.

A paper submitted to the Government by the British Federation of Commodity Associations calls for an end to the treatment of profits from investing in futures contracts as income for tax purposes.

The federation is seeking parity with invstments made on the stock market, where profits are treated as capital gains when the tax rate is 30 p

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DOOLEY SHOCK SELECTION FOR ENGLAND

By *JOHN MASON*

ENGLAND selectors, whose search for a successful combination has meant 12 new caps in the last three matches, introduce five more newcomers for the first international against Rumania at Twickenham on Saturday.

The captaincy, following an unfortunate sequence of accidents to the knees of Nigel Melville, passes to Paul Dodge, a decision which was made before last night's selection meeting at Gloucester, after the South and South-West had beaten the Rumanians.

The new caps are Simon Smith (Wasps), Kevin Simms (Liverpool and Cambridge University), Rob Andrew (Middlesborough and Cambridge University), Richard Harding (Bristol) and Wade Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), a 6ft 7in lock who must have viewed news of his selection with some caution late last night in case his leg was being pulled.

Dooley, a policeman, has come from among the back markers to win his first cap at 27. His senior experience has been limited, though he was Lancashire's first-choice lock this winter, and in the past has played for British Police.

The choice of Dooley represents the extent of the hunt by the selectors for a ball-winning lock, a job which normally would have gone to Steve Bainbridge.

Bainbridge barred

But Bainbridge is barred from international selection, having been sent off this season—an English regulation that most selectors do not approve.

Smith, the right wing, succeeds John Carleton (Orrell), who for 26 internationals, the first of which was in 1979, had served England unflinchingly. Given the ball, he, too, likes to score tries. He showed exactly those capabilities last Saturday in the mud and rain at Birkenhead.

It is England's determination to play a more expansive game that has also permitted Simms and Andrew, the Cambridge pair, to win their first caps at respectively the expense of Rob Lozowski (Wasps) and Stuart Barnes (Bristol).

The dumping of Barnes, after one match as England's outside-half, is harsh, but it probably does reflect accurately the ebb and flow of current form. Barnes has not been enjoying the best of seasons for Bristol this winter.

Andrew, on the other hand, has been in splendid shape for Cambridge and the North. Nor will he be resting on any laurels, because Barnes, who had a reasonable match yesterday against the tourists, remains as the closest challenger. He will be on the bench on Saturday.

Harding, Bristol's scrum-half and a Cambridge Blue 10 years ago, wins his first cap at the age of 31. Previously he was a "B" international and now succeeds the injured Melville.

Harding's selection will be warmly received in Bristol and district. He has served his club unstintingly, besides being one of the game's long-distance commuters, for he lives in Bromsgrove.

Dooley, from the same club as England's coach, Richard Greenwood, completes the roll call of the new caps. He comes in for Nigel Redman (Bath), himself a new cap against Australia last November. Redman got little line-out ball to speak of yesterday, which must account for his temporary dismissal. He is barely 20.

Greenwood's plan

Perhaps the clearest indication of England's intention came from Mr Greenwood, who declared: "We have not chosen those backs to chase kicks. I hope, of course, that they will do that, but they have been chosen with other reasons in mind."

In all, there are nine changes in the team beaten by Australia at Twickenham in November and Phil Blakeway, whose previous caps have been as tight-head prop moves across to the left hand side of the scrum. He has played one senior match so far this season.

It had been England's intention to play Blakeway as loose-head on the tour of South Africa during the summer. But an early injury put a stop to that, and now the selectors ask him to play there in place of Gareth Chilcott, the Bath forward, who won his first cap against Australia.

The team

N. C. Stringer (Wasps); S. T. Smith (Wasps), K. G. Simms (Cambridge Univ), P. W. Dodge (Leicester, capt), R. Underwood (Leicester); C. R. Andrew (Cambridge Univ), R. Harding (Bristol), G. S. Pearce (Northampton), S. B. Brain (Coventry), P. J. Blakeway (Gloucester), J. P. Syddall (Waterloo), W. Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), J. P. Hall (Bath), G. W. Rees (Nottingham), R. Hesford (Bristol).

Replacements: G. H. Davies (Wasps), S. Barnes (Bristol), R. J. Hill (Bath), A. Sheppard (Bristol), A. Simpson (Sale), M. Teague (Gloucester).

Adamson try pushes Wasps to victory

By *MICHAEL AUSTIN*

Wasps ... 19pts, Rosslyn Park ... 9

LEE ADAMSON's pushover try not only extricated Wasps from an ominous situation but foreshadowed victory with a flourish over a worthy Rosslyn Park side in a match full of New Year resolution at Sudbury yesterday.

The level of commitment outstripped the game's quality, as befitted weakened teams, but Adamson's try, with 16 minutes remaining, shook Wasps free from the deadlock which Park had imposed at 9-9.

Within two minutes, Sumner's try from Titcombe's long pass and a wide-angled conversion from Williams completed the scoring and reminded Park of their John Player Cup third-round task, also at Sudbury, on Jan. 26.

Wasps, exerting scrummaging pressure and following Adamson's line-out example, won the cup rehearsal by two goals, a try and a penalty goal to three penalty goals by Graves, the former Bedford full-back leading Park for the first time.

Adamson's contribution to the important try began with his flicked, blindside pass to Cullen, whose grubber kick over the line was reached simultaneously by Sumner, the Wasps left-wing, and Graves.

Park's difficulties

Roger Quittenton, the referee, awarded a five-metre scrum with an attacking put-in, under law 12D, and Adamson's try emphasised the protracted difficulties suffered by Park's scrummagers.

Wasps, who introduced Eayrs, 22, a National B centre, and thrived on the forthright running of Cardus, had led 9-6 when facing the slope and a chilling diagonal wind.

Minihan, the right-wing, accelerated 30 yards from Titcombe's inside pass for the first try after 29 minutes and Williams, inheriting goal-kicking duties in the absence of Stringer, Davies and Boyd, added the conversion to an earlier penalty goal.

Park, initially steadied by Jermyn's productive line-kicking, relished Graves's penalty goals from 30, 40 and finally 45 yards.

But just when Wasps's motivation seemed to have drained away, a second surge of adrenalin and skill won the match.

Wasps.—K. Titcombe; P. Minihan, R. Cardus, G. Eayrs, R. Sumner; M. Williams, J. Cullen; P. Rendall, M. Dufielen, J. Probyn, J. Bonner, C. Pinnegar, K. Moss, D. Pegler, L. Adamson.

Rosslyn Park.—J. Graves; C. Carr, A. McGahey, J. Auer, M. Sparkes; M. Jermyn, G. Henderson; M. Repay, F. Timmons, C. McGawley, P. Crawley, S. Hooton, M. Hill, C. Mantel, A. Brooks.

Referee.—R. Quittenton (London).

LEWIS FOR ITALY

Mike Lewis, the Newport fly-half who is a striking miner, is to play for Lazio Roma in Italy, where he has been offered a job by a travel agent. Lewis (26), scorer of 264 points this season, was set to beat the club scoring record of 305 points set by Laurie Daniel in 1971/72.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

TOUR MATCH

Sth & SW Div 15 Rumania 3

CLUB MATCHES

Broughton Pk	19	Kendal	8
Cardiff	29	Crawshay's XV	24
Fylde	22	St Helens	12
Glamorgan Wd	31	Maesteg	6
Halifax	7	Sheffield	21
London Welsh	38	Bedford	6
Moseley	16	Gloucester	7
Nuneaton	54	Edwardians	7
Otley	4	Headingley	4
Pontypridd	20	Aberavon	13
Sale	50	Manchester	0
Saracens	15	Blackheath	12
Swansea	40	S Glamorgan I	8
Wasps	19	Rosslyn Park	9

CANCELLED.—Liverpool v Morley, Nottingham v Wakefield.

LONDON & S.E.

Blackheathens 17, Dartfordians 3—Dorking 3, Guildford & G 24—Lensbury 12, Ruislip 6—Newbury 18, Basingstoke 12—Sidcup 16, Beckenham 19.

MIDLANDS

Nuneaton 48, Edwardians 7—Stoke O.B. 53, Pinley 0.

WEST & SOUTH-WEST

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE.—Falmouth 7, St Austell 10—Launceston 14, Redruth 7—Penryn 11, Truro 3. Other matches: Bridgwater 11, Bristol XV 34—Camborne 12, Cornwall Under-23 6—Exmouth 13, Sidmouth 7—Wellington Utd 10, Wiveliscombe 4—Newton Abbot 6, Teignmouth 7—Paignton 19, Totnes 3—Bideford 23, Ilfracombe 6.

SCHOOLS

TOUR MATCH.—Ulster 4, New Zealand 24.

MOTOR-CYCLING

EDWARDS TROPHY TRIAL (Taunton).—I. Baker (240 Fantic) 61 marks lost.

SAPPERTON CUP TRIAL (Stroud, Glos).—Winner: S. Saunders (250 Honda) 6 marks lost. Stroud member: M. Kemp (300 Fantic) 35. Interm: L. Pearce (350 Montesa) 81. Novice: J. Bishop (200 Montesa) 97. Best Veteran: J. Phillips (350 CCM) 89.

SOUTHAMPTON VIKING NEW YEAR TRIAL (Landford, Wilts).—Experts: R. Dency (320 Armstrong) 30 marks lost. Inter: L. Hill (160 Fantic) 39. Novices: T. Hunt (250 Bultaco) 30. Veterans: B. Wakeford (163 Fantic) 48. Sidecars: M. Hare (325 Suzuki) 15.

NEW YEAR DAY MOTO-CROSS (Hawkstone Park). Overall.—S. Steels (Honda) 1; R. Monk (Honda) 2; G. Mayes (Kawasaki), 3.

ROAD RUNNING

NOS GALAN INVITATION MILE (Mountain Ash). — J. Hill (Newport Harriers) 4min. 10sec., 1; P. Wheeler (Les Croupiers) 4min. 11sec., 2; M. Rezin (Aldershot Farnham and D) 4min. 13sec., 3.

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Richard Harding, the South and South-West scrum half, passes out after his forwards have beaten the Rumanian pack.

Rumanians surprised by speed of brilliant Trick

South & South West ... 15pts, Rumanians ... 3

THE Rumanians, outrucked and outmauled in the Kingsholm mud, could make little of the rugged challenge of the South and South West at Gloucester yesterday. Without a lot of the ball, the game is hard to play, writes **John Mason.**

The South and South West did not control all aspects of ball-winning. But they won more than enough to make life extremely difficult for the hard-pressed Rumanians, who were also beaten last Saturday by the North.

Victory yesterday by two goals and a penalty goal to a penalty goal was splendid therapy for New Year's Day headaches. I suspect, though, that the tourists departed with rather more than they had started with. Presumably they had their second team forwards on duty.

The heavy pitch was a fearsome influence on the proceedings which were always highly entertaining, not least because of the contribution of the referee, Andre Peytavin, from France. He had an excellent match in every respect.

Reminder for selectors

The Division scored two first-class tries, both of which involved David Trick, the Bath wing-threequarter. Trick's speed was breathtaking and was a late reminder for the massed ranks of England's selectors in the main stand. Properly used, Trick is a match-winner.

The Rumanians went ahead in the 25th minute with a penalty goal by Alexandru, the outside-half, after the Division forwards had fallen offside as a line-out was breaking up. Until then, the kickers of both teams had had a miserable time with their footholds on a treacherous surface.

The first try came two minutes before the break—a chilly wait on a windy afternoon but well worth it. The tireless Spurrell, coated in mud from an early point, drove hard and, as usual, the Division won the ruck.

Play swept round to the short side—via Harding, Barnes, Palmer, Rees and then Trick, who was in overdrive by the time he had run round behind the posts. Barnes converted.

Orwin wins ball

Trick's startling acceleration also made the second try, this time beginning in midfield. But first the ball had to be won. Orwin did that, wrenching it out from the Rumanians' grasp at a maul.

Trick came in from the right-hand touch and sharply increased his speed as he took the pass in midfield. He beat four men by sheer pace, bounced off another and ran round another.

By that time, he had reached the left-hand touch and the strongly-built Martin was alongside to accept the scoring pass and run round to the posts for Barnes to convert.

The England selectors looked suitably wry—for Trick is not in their squad.

SOUTH & SOUTH-WEST. — C. Martin; D. Trick, J. Palmer (capt), A. Rees (Bath), A. Swift (Swansea); S. Barnes, R. Harding (Bristol); G. Chilcott (Bath), K. Bogira, A. Sheppard (Bristol), J. Orwin (Gloucester), N. Redman (Bath), M. Teague (Gloucester), R. Spurrell (Bath), R. Hesford (Bristol).

RUMANIANS. — S. Podarescu; M. Toader, A. Lungu, V. David, M. Aldea; D. Alexandru, M. Paraschiv (capt); G. Leonte, V. Ilca, B. Metaicinc, L. Constantin, G. Caragea, H. Dumitras, O. Morarn, S. Constantin.

REFEREE.—A. Peytavin (France).

Gareth Davies . . . in the points for Cardiff.

CARDIFF STRATEGY PAYS OFF

By DAVID GREEN

Cardiff 29pts, Crawshay's XV 24

'A' CRISP, sunny afternoon and a playing surface which had recovered remarkably well from the recent monsoons encouraged Cardiff and Crawshay's to provide an entertaining, if sometimes careless match, at the Arms Park yesterday.

Cardiff's victory by a goal, five tries and a penalty goal to a goal, three tries and two penalty goals was just reward for superior team work but Crawshays, particularly in the first half, gave a good account of themselves.

Crawshay's early superiority was based on the work of Allan Martin and Owen at the line-out, where Cardiff struggled in the absence of Norster and Scott, and on the direct running of Ruddock, Jacob, Evans and Barber.

Early try

Cardiff's scrum, however, was always stronger. As the game wore on they used short-line-outs to frustrate their taller opponents and with Davies, Ring, Donovan and Cordle running cleverly, they overhauled Crawshay's and held on pretty comfortably.

Cordle's early try for Cardiff was matched immediately when Harris scored after Jacob's clean break. Shortly afterwards loose Cardiff passing enabled Crawshay's to mount an attack from which Jacob scored, Harris converting.

Cardiff struck back when Cannon scored after charging down Turner's leisurely defensive kick. Harris and Davies exchanged penalties and then, on the half-hour, Martin scored for Crawshay's direct from a line-out five yards from Cardiff's line.

This gave Crawshay's an unexpected 17-11 lead but Cardiff struck back with a well-worked try from the base of a set scrum, Penry-Ellis, Crothers and Cannon combining sweetly to send Cordle over.

Cardiff took the lead with a lovely try which involved Gareth Davies, Donovan, Andy Evans, Davies again, Gwynfor Williams (who had replaced Cordle) and, yet again, Gareth Davies, who was up to take the final pass.

Increasing Cardiff pressure rocked Crawshay's back. Whitefoot and Crothers were held up on the line but finally Stone drove over, Gareth Davies converting, and from this point Cardiff looked well in control.

Harris responded with a long penalty but Williams scored his second try when he squeezed over in the corner from a five-yard scrum. Richards scored for Crawshay's from the front of a line-out but Cardiff finished on the attack.

Cardiff.—A. Martin; G. Cordle (G. Williams, 45), M. Ring, A. Donovan, A. Hadley; G. Davies, S. Cannon; J. Whitefoot, J. Soutar, I. Eidman, H. Stone, T. Shaw, O. Golding, T. Crothers, S. Penry-Ellis.

Crawshay's XV.—N. Harris (S. Wales Police); G. Webbe (Bridgend), D. Jacob (Neath), J. Evans (Llanelli), C. Barber (S.W. Police), P. Turner (Newbridge); R. Norster (Ebbw Vale); P. Langford, M. Richards (Neath), B. Cripps (Newbridge), A. Owen (Bridgend), A. Martin (Aberavon), M. Ruddock (Swansea), S. Griffiths (Newbridge), P. Davies (S. Wales Police).

Referee: D. Bevan (Clydach).

Athletics

BUDD BACK IN FIRING LINE

The Commonwealth Games are due to take place in Edinburgh in 1986 and Zola Budd, in Britain for the first time since her ill-fated Olympic adventure, is a potential powder keg. Even the flimsiest South African connection is liable to cause deep offence to some of the more sensitive member countries.

So if the Games are to be untroubled, this small, shy, naturalised British subject, who speaks with a thick Afrikaans accent, will have to produce the right answers when she meets the top men of the British Amateur Athletics Board in London today.

Women's Hockey

Val Robinson dropped by North selectors

By NANCY TOMKINS

VAL ROBINSON, the former England, Sussex and Hertfordshire inside forward, has been dropped by the North selectors after a career of 25 years in women's territorial hockey.

Injured at the Lytham St Anne's regional county tournament, Mrs Robinson played only once for Lancashire Central League and has been relegated to the North B team—in many respects an inappropriate phase in an exalted career begun with the South in 1961.

Leicestershire were the only one of last season's five regional county champions to retain their title in the New Year holiday tournaments. Suffolk, Cheshire, Middlesex and Somerset were ousted by Essex, Lancashire, Buckinghamshire and Avon.

Golden era

Lancashire's return after five seasons invokes memories of the county's record eight national championship titles in a golden decade between 1969 and 1979. Essex, Buckinghamshire and Avon hold one previous regional title.

The North, having dropped Mrs Robinson, among five, turned to England Under-21 players in three positions. Yorkshire's Jill Atkins, Amanda Smith and Gill Huggon played in the Home Countries and European Under-21 championships in the autumn, while Gill Brown is the omitted junior England and Yorkshire player.

By contrast, the **Midlands** opted for well-tested talent with Alison Goacher, the England Under-21, displacing Bedfordshire's Liz McVey as the only change.

At the close of the West tournament at Cheltenham, the selectors retained 38 players for further trials yesterday.

In the South tournament at Bisham Abbey **Buckinghamshire** took the title from **Middlesex** a day early.

In the concluding match yesterday Buckinghamshire underlined their supremacy by defeating Middlesex 3-1. Sue Williams, Jenny Mitchell and Katherine Bacon scored for Buckinghamshire, and Andrea Pemberton scrambled the late Middlesex consolation.

MIDLANDS.—M. Burrows (Derbyshire), S. Holwell (Leics), M. Allen (Warwicks), K. Lobb (Leics), A. Goacher (BCHE), B. Hambly (Warwicks), D. Parker, H. Woodward, K. Gordon (Leics), J. Swinnerton (Staffs), M. Cheetham (Leics).

NORTH.—V. Hallam; J. Schkurka (Sheffield Loe), J. Crook (Lancs), J. Atkins (Yorks), N. Dix (Durham) L. Carr, M. Souyave (Lancs), A. Smith (Yorks), J. Jones (Lancs), G. Huggon (Yorks), J. Bannister (Cheshire).

WOMEN'S COUNTY CH'SHIPS.—South (Bisham Abbey): Surrey 1, Sussex 1—Middx 0, Berks 0—Oxfordshire 0, Hants 1—E. Universities 0, Bucks 2.

Sussex 1, Oxfordshire 0—Hants 2, Surrey 4—Middx 1, Bucks 3. Other match: Berks 3, English Universities 0.

West (Cheltenham): Wilts 2, Dorset 2—Cornwall 0, Devon 2—Somerset 0, Avon 4—Glos 0, Hereford 2.

East (Ipswich): Cambs 3, Essex 3—Herts 4, Lincs 0—Hunts 1, Suffolk 0—Kent 2, Norfolk 0.

Midlands (Bedford): Worcs 1, Notts 1 — Warwicks 0, Leics 5 — Northants 0, Beds 1—Staffs 1, Derbyshire 0. Other match: Bedford Coll 0, Shropshire 2.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.—Somerset 0, Occidentals 0—Havant 0, David Faulkner XI 1.

Rugby League

14th TRY FOR MENINGA

THE top four clubs in the Slalom Lager Championship opened the New Year with victory yesterday. Mal Meninga scored his 14th try of the season as leaders **St Helens** won 8-6 at **Widnes**.

Hull KR, Wigan and Oldham were all more convincing winners, although **Wigan** needed a late scoring burst to end **Warrington's** resistance and win 24-7.

Champions **Hull KR** were dominant against **Hunslet** from the moment Mike Smith scored the first of his two tries after two minutes at Craven Park and Rovers won 38-6.

Impressive performances by full-back Alan Taylor, playing his first game since mid-October, and second row Andy Goodway helped **Oldham** to a comfortable 24-12 home win over **Halifax**, who were clearly feeling the effects of their fuorth match in 11 days.

Grothe in form

Australian Test winger Eric Grothe marked his debut for **Leeds** with a hat-trick of tries as they swamped injury-hit **Leigh** 38-4. Fellow-countryman Neil Hunt scored twice as Leeds struck impressive form before Saturday's John Player Trophy semi-final against Hull.

Second division leaders **Swinton** notched their fourth successive win in emphatic fashion, destroying **Runcorn** 48-7 and scoring nine tries in the process. Jones, Ratcliffe and Bate scored two apiece.

Fulham won 16-14 at **Southend Invicta** after trailing 9-4 at half time, Davies and Rochford scoring their tries and Wilkinson kicking four goals. Southend tries came from Johnston and Cholmondeley, who also dropped two goals. Neel kicked two goals.

SLALOM LAGER CH'SHIP.—Castleford 16, Bradford N 2—Hull KR 38, Hunslet 6—Leeds 38, Leigh 4—Oldham 24, Halifax 12—Widnes 6, St Helens 8—Wigan 24, Warrington 7.

Div II: Bramley 8, Wakefield T 7—Keighley 18, Huddersfield 0—Southend I 14, Fulham 16—Swinton 48, Runcorn H 6.

LAWN TENNIS

VICTORIA OPEN (Melbourne).—Qtr-finals: J. Hlasek (Switzerland) bt C. Dowdeswell (GB) 6-2, 6-4; D. Cassidy (US) bt H. van Boeckel (Holland) 1-6, 6-1, 7-6; J. Fitzgerald (Australia) bt B. Drewett (Australia) 7-5, 7-6; M. Anger (US) bt C. van Rensburg (S Africa) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6. Semi-finals: Fitzgerald bt Hlasek 7-5, 6-3; Cassidy bt Anger 6-4, 7-5. Final: Cassidy bt Fitzgerald 7-6, 7-6.

Men's doubles, qtr-finals: B. Dyke & W. Masur (Australia) bt Cassidy & van Boeckel 6-3, 6-3; Dowdeswell & J. Lloyd (GB) bt I. McCurdy & P. Johnstone (Australia) 6-4, 7-5. Semi-finals: M. Bauer & S. McCain (US) bt M. Fancutt & P. Doohan (Australia) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; Dyke & Masur bt Dowdeswell & Lloyd 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Final: Dyke & Masur bt Bauer & McCain 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

Lawn Tennis

Surprise defeat for the holders

By JOHN PARSONS

TOMAS SMID and Pavel Slozil, the Czechoslovakian holders and top seeds, were surprisingly and comprehensively upset by the veterans Wojtek Fibak and Sandy Mayer at the start of the Fuji Film World Doubles in London last night.

Fibak and Mayer, both 32 but looking much younger in their play, won their opening group match in the round robin stage of this WCT tournament at the Albert Hall 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

The match was particularly uncomfortable for Smid, one of the most effective doubles players in the game, who has just overtaken John McEnroe as No. 1 in the world doubles rankings.

Smid won Grand Prix titles during 1984 with six different partners, including three tournaments with Slozil, and he will be grateful that there are no points at issue so far as the rankings are concerned during this week, for his confident versatility was missing.

Beautiful angles

It was Smid who crucially dropped his serve in the first two sets whereas Fibak and Mayer, serving solidly, returning beautifully and combining with impressive skill and fluency at the net, scampered eagerly to win points with many beautiful angles.

There were only two games in which Fibak and Mayer even had break points against them.

The most significant was at 4-2 in the first set when, on the first of them, Fibak was lucky with a heavily sliced second serve which eventually made it deuce, even though it just as easily could have struck his partner on the back of the head.

The third set hinged on the fourth and fifth games. Mayer clung on to his service to make it 2-2, despite two double faults and the only other chance which the Czechoslovakians were offered to recover.

In the following game Slozil was broken on a double fault. He and his partner then had little chance to escape.

The defeat means Smid and Slozil must now win their remaining two group matches if they are to have any chance of retaining their title.

Round robin: W. Fibak (Poland) & A. A. Mayer (U.S.) bt T. Smid & P. Slozil (Czech) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

TOP SEED LOUIS OUT

Jo Louis, 17, the top seed, was hustled out of the Prudential junior covered court championships at Telford yesterday by an opponent two years younger than herself.

Miss Louis lost 6-4, 6-7, 3-6 to Sue McCarthy, of Avon, in the girl's second round.

She began confidently, showing the ability that should have enabled her to beat most competitors in the event easily.

But Miss Louis was not prepared to match the way in which Miss McCarthy, who has a particularly lethal sliced backhand, raised her game in the second set.

Knee injury

However, if Miss Louis made many more mistakes than had been anticipated, so, too, did Teresa Catlin, the umpire.

Having won the second set to draw level with Alex Ruse of Essex, Simon Booth, one of Britain's leading youngsters at 16 and under level, promptly retired from his second round.

Booth was involved in the third of his set points at 5-4 in the second when he fell heavily and twisted his right knee. He dragged himself painfully to his feet and somehow managed to stay up long enough to tie the proceedings before dropping out.

RESULTS.—Boys singles, 1st Rd: R. Every bt C. Bailey 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; C. Beecher bt M. Petcher 7-6, 6-4; N. Jones bt K. Fraser 6-1, 6-2; M. Coombes bt U. Nnamdu 6-4, 6-3; I. Mackinlay bt L. Ahmed 7-5, 6-1; J. Green wo G. Spalding scr.; J. Dawson bt. M. Nuttall 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; D. Roberts bt D. Jorison 6-3, 6-3; V. Ranson bt J. Martyn 7-6, 6-3; A. Davies bt D. Kirk 7-5, 6-1; D. Clarry bt C. Weekes 6-4, 6-4; T. Maylam bt A. Fisher 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; A. Rouse bt S. Turnock 6-2, 6-1; S. Booth bt M. Syms 6-3, 6-4; A. Hunting bt G. Drake 0-6, 6-2, 6-1; S. Heritage bt J. Hill 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

2nd Rd: Jones bt Ranson 6-2, 6-3; Rouse bt Booth 7-5, 4-6, Booth retired hurt; R. Whichello bt T. Godman 6-3, 6-0; H. Pringle bt Dawson 6-3, 6-3; D. Sapsford bt Roberts 6-1, 6-2; D. Ison bt C. Beecher 6-2, 6-0; S. Wilkins bt Heritage 7-5, 3-6, 6-2.

S. Heron bt J. Lenton 6-1, 7-6; C. Peel bt C. Miller 6-2, 6-2; C. Brown bt M. Coombes 5-7, 6-2, 6-4; A. Brice bt Mackinlay 6-3, 6-4; Clarry bt S. Bennett 7-6, 6-4, Hunting bt D. Smith 6-2, 6-3; J. Goodall bt Green 6-1, 6-2.

Maylam bt Every 6-1, 0-6, 9-7.

Girls' singles, 1st Rd: Y. Lake bt A. Nall 6-3, 6-3; M. Gracie bt S. Ambrose 6-3, 6-4; C. Billingham bt C. Tee 6-2, 6-0; S. Godman bt A. Mills 6-1, 6-3; S. Timms bt S. Armitage 6-1, 6-2; J. Reeves bt K. Hand 6-3, 6-1; T. Catlin bt P. Cantrell 6-0, 6-2; A. Fleming bt C. Bareman 6-0, 7-5.

K. Hunter bt B. McCormick 6-2, 7-6; S. McCarthy bt F. Coolridge 6-1, 6-4; R. Charlton bt A. Simpkin 0-6, 7-5, 11-9; D. Schauerman bt S. Byrne 7-5, 6-3; K. Howden bt A. Fitzgibbon 6-3, 6-1; R. Kendall bt K. Patel 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; K. Charlton bt A. Roots 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.

2nd Rd: A. Grant bt Catlin 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; Shauerman bt J. Iddles 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; J. Holden bt Charlton 6-1, 6-0; Kendall bt S. Millen 6-4, 6-4; A. Grunfeld bt Gracie 6-3, 6-2; K. Rickett bt A. Hill 6-1, 6-0.

McCarthy bt J. Louis 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; S. Whiteman bt Howden 6-3, 6-1; L. Gould bt Timms 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; Reeves bt R. Welt 6-2, 6-2; Fleming bt L. Stern 7-6, 6-3; J. Phillips bt Hunter 6-3, 6-0; Billingham bt J. Wild 7-5, 6-2.

Charlton bt R. Suzin 6-2, 6-1; Lake bt R. Galassini 6-2, 6-4.

McDONALD ALL ON HIS OWN

John McDonald, former New Zealand Davis Cup player let himself in for more than he bargained for when he agreed to referee the £100,000 Belgian-American Young Masters lawn tennis tournament, which starts at Birmingham today.

Yesterday McDonald was still without a single umpire, because of the Lawn Tennis Association's refusal to sanction the event, since it clashes with the World Doubles Championship in London.

British umpires have been barred from working at the tournament, which has attracted four players in the world's top dozen, including Mats Wilander, of Sweden, and Australia's Pat Cash.

Other European umpires have also declined to go to Birmingham, which leaves McDonald having to do the majority of the work in the chair as well as refereeing, although for today at least he will have the assistance of television commentator John Barrett, who is also the tournament consultant.

Ice Hockey

STREATHAM POISED TO CHALLENGE

By HOWARD BASS

FIFE have toppled Murrayfield from the Heineken League leadership, paving the way with an emphatic 8-2 home win when the two clubs met.

The Racers' consolation goals both came in the final 65 seconds, dashing Craig Dickson's hopes of a prized shut-out.

A 9-6 success at Ayr completed Fife's mission, thanks to Cleveland gaining their first-ever win at Murrayfield—Jim Earle clinching an 8-7 thriller in the final minute.

Dave Stoyanovich, the League's top scorer with 57 goals from 15 matches, inflicted the main damage for Fife with four goals against Murrayfield and another five at Ayr.

Melancon strikes

Two weekend wins brought **Streatham** within five points of the new leaders. Craig Melancon hit the winner with 95 seconds to spare in their 4-3 home triumph over **Durham**. Gary Stefan netted four next day in the Redskins' 11-1 romp at **Southampton**.

Peterborough remain the League's only unbeaten team, displacing **Solihull** at the top of the First Division after a 24-3 spree at **Richmond**. Alcide Jutras scored eight and John Lawless five.

HEINEKEN LGE.—Prem Divi Ayr 6, Fife 9—Durham 18, Whitley 12—Fife 8, Murrayfield 2—Murrayfield 7, Cleveland 8—Notts 6, Whitley 3—Southampton 4, Dundee 3—Southampton 1, Streatham 11—Streatham 4, Durham 3.

Div I: Crowtree 14, Blackpool 8—Richmond 3, Peterboro 24.

NAT. LGE.—Montreal 4, Quebec 4—Detroit 4, Pittsburgh 4—Buffalo 6, New Jersey 4 — Minnesota 4, New York Islanders 3.

Sunday.—New York Rangers 6, St Louis 2—Boston 5, Winnipeg 3—Calgary 5, Chicago 2—Edmonton 7, Vancouver 7—Philadelphia 5, Los Angeles 2.

Basketball

TEL AVIV TAKE TITLE

By RICHARD TAYLOR

MACCABI Tel Aviv, planned their Philips world international campaign almost to perfection, saving their finest basketball of the tournament for the final to win—by 98-96—their fifth title in seven attempts by holding off a determined comeback from Red Star Belgrade at Crystal Palace.

Maccabi, with Lee Johnson, the 6ft 10in American centre, unstoppable in anything he chose to do, even survived losing another massive American player, Kevin Magee, with an ankle injury early in the match.

Red Star coach, Ranko Zeravica, left three international players on the bench at the start, an extraordinary tactic considering the club had taken the trouble of flying their centre, 6ft 10in Mirko Milecevic, in for the final.

Milecevic, like Magee, turned an ankle, but by then Johnson, supported by Micky Berkovitz and rejuvenated Ancle Perry and Lou Silver, had given Maccabi the comfort of a 10-point cushion which the Yugoslavs reduced only in the final 90 seconds.

Manchester go close

Cottrills Manchester did almost as much to ruffle an admittedly lower-key Maccabi in Monday's semi-final, losing just 98-92 after world-class performances from England's Dan Lloyd. Dave Gardner and George Branch added depth to the always-potent threat of Americans Vince Brookins and Craig Robinson.

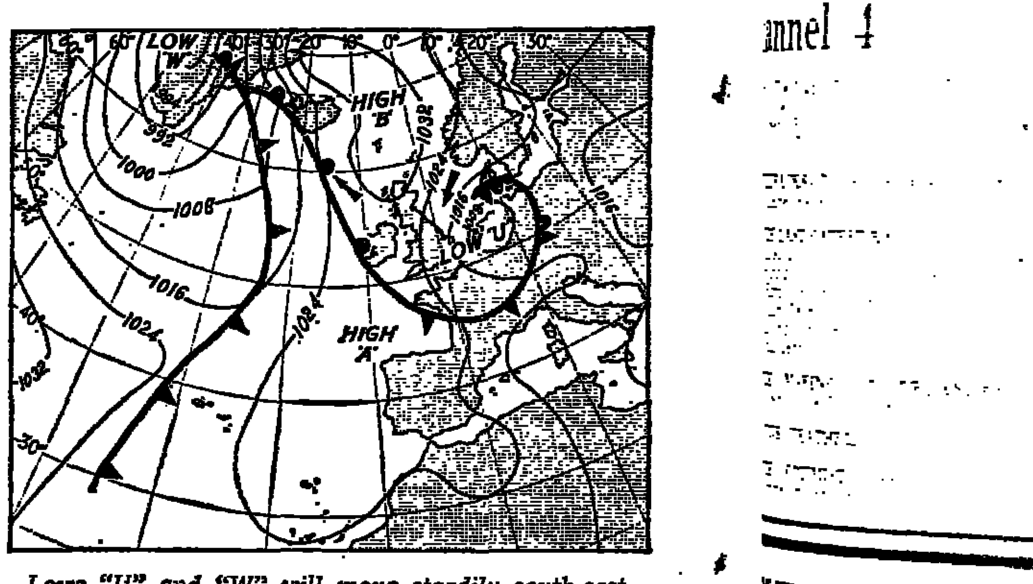
Manchester are clearly ready now to play in Europe, as are Kingcraft Kingston, the current league leaders, who held Red Star to three points in Monday's other semi-final, despite being without injured Doug Lloyd and having Dan Davis lame throughout the game.

Player coach Steve Bontrager gave the complete performance in orchestrating Sunday's quarter-final win over Sao Paulo, but took too much on himself against Red Star in forcing shots instead of creating openings for team-mates.

FINAL.—Red Star Belgrade 96, Maccabi Tel Aviv 98. 3rd & 4th places: Manchester 98, Kingston 87.

MONDAY.—Semi-finals: Maccabi Tel Aviv 98, Cottrills Manchester 92—Red Star Belgrade 88, Kingcraft Kingston 85. Women's final: Solna (Sweden) 85, Bratislava (Czechoslovakia) 71. Junior men's final: Red Star Belgrade 92, Kingston 73.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon Jan. 1



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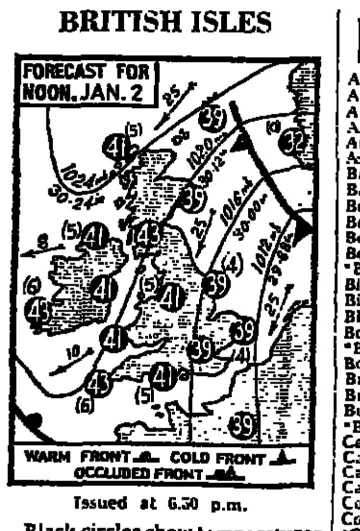
BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temp. F	Max. Temp. C	Weather (day)
East					
Scarboro	—	0.14	43	6	Hail
Bridlington	0.8	0.23	43	6	Sleet
Cromer	—	0.14	41	5	Showers
Lowestoft	1.6	0.15	41	5	Hail
Clacton	4.0	0.01	41	5	Showers
Margate	—	—	41	5	Clouds
South					
Folkestone	4.1	—	41	5	Sunny
Hastings	3.1	—	41	5	Bright
Eastbourne	4.3	—	43	6	Sunny
Brighton	—	—	39	4	Bright
Worthing	4.9	—	43	6	Sunny
Bognor R.	5.4	—	43	6	Sunny
Southsea	6.2	—	43	6	Sunny
Sandown	6.5	—	43	6	Sunny
Ventnor	6.9	—	45	7	Sunny
Bournemth	5.6	—	43	6	Sunny
Poole	6.3	—	43	6	Sunny
Swanage	7.0	—	45	7	Sunny
Weymouth	6.5	—	45	7	Sunny
Exmouth	7.0	—	45	7	Sunny
Teignmouth	6.8	—	46	8	Sunny
Torquay	7.1	—	46	8	Sunny
Falmouth	3.0	—	46	8	Sunny
Penzance	1.0	0.02	50	10	Bright
Jersey	3.9	0.01	46	8	Sunny
Guernsey	3.8	—	46	8	Sunny
West					
Scilly Is	—	0.14	46	8	Rain am
Newquay	4.3	0.01	46	8	Sunny
Ilfracombe	4.7	—	46	8	Sunny
Tenby	5.5	—	46	8	Sunny
Colwyn B.	3.9	—	46	8	Bright
Southport	5.0	—	45	7	Sunny
Morecambe	4.6	—	41	5	Bright
Douglas	6.5	—	43	6	Sunny
Scotland					
Eskdlmuir	1.4	—	39	4	Hail
Prestwick	5.8	—	43	6	Sunny
Glasgow	5.3	—	43	6	Sunny
Tiree	5.6	—	46	8	Sunny
Stornoway	3.0	0.02	46	8	Sunny
Lerwick	0.3	0.02	43	6	Showers
Wick	0.8	0.03	43	6	Showers
Kinloss	1.7	0.01	43	6	Sunny
Aberdeen	1.7	0.09	45	7	Sunny
St Andrews	4.5	—	43	6	Sunny
Edinburgh	2.1	—	43	6	Bright
Northern Ireland					
Belfast	6.4	—	41	5	Sunny

Lighting-up time 4.33 p.m. to 7.36 a.m. Sun rises 8.6 a.m. Sets 4.3 p.m. Sun rises 8.6 a.m. Sets 4.3 p.m. Moon rises 12.49 p.m. Sets 4.28 a.m. tomorrow. High water at London Bridge 9.46 a.m. (18.4ft); 10.27 p.m. (19.4ft). Dover 7.10 a.m. (18ft); 8.2 p.m. (17.4ft).

HOME AND ABROAD

Ajaccio	s	52	11	Locarno	s	32	0
Akrotiri	f	55	13	London	f	41	5
Alexndria	c	55	13	*L. Angls	s	55	13
Algiers	r	41	5	Luxmbrg	sl	32	0
Amstrdm	c	46	8	Luxor	s	72	22
Ascension	c	81	27	Madrid	s	50	10
Bahrain	s	55	13	Majorca	s	55	13
Barcelna	s	55	13	Malaga	f	57	14
Beirut	f	64	18	Malta	c	54	12
Belfast	s	39	4	Manchstr	f	41	5
Belgrade	c	27	-3	Melbo'rne	s	68	20
Berlin	sn	28	-2	Miami	c	79	26
*Bermuda	s	72	22	Milan	s	34	1
Biarritz	c	50	10	M'ntreal	sn	9	-13
Birmghm	s	41	5	Moscow	c	23	-5
Blackpool	s	41	5	Munish	sn	28	-2
Bordeaux	c	46	8	Naples	c	45	7
*Boston	s	39	4	Newcastle	c	37	3
Boulogne	c	39	4	N. Delhi	fg	50	10
Bristol	s	43	6	N. York	dr	45	7
Brussels	r	39	4	Nice	s	48	9
Budapst	sn	25	-4	Oporto	s	55	13
*B. Aires	s	95	35	Oslo	s	30	-1
Cairo	s	63	17	Paris	c	41	5
Cape Tn	s	81	27	Peking	s	34	1
Cardiff	s	45	7	Perth	s	75	24
Casablnca	s	63	17	Prague	sn	25	-4
Cologne	c	41	5	Reykjavik	r	41	5
Copnhgn	sn	30	-1	P Stanley	s	55	13
*Chic'go	dr	36	2	Rhodes	c	52	11
Corfu	r	50	10	*R de Jan	s	84	29
*Denver	fg	30	-1	Riyadh	s	73	23
Dublin	s	36	2	Rome	s	46	8
Dubrvnik	f	46	8	Salzb'rg	sn	23	-5
Edinbrgh	c	41	5	*S. Frisco	c	45	7
Faro	s	61	16	*Santiago	s	84	29
Florence	c	43	6	*S. Paulo	dr	70	21
Frankfrt	sn	30	-1	Seoul	s	36	2
Funchal	f	63	17	Stckhlm	sn	27	-3
Geneva	c	30	-1	Strasburg	c	34	1
Gibraltar	s	61	16	Sydney	s	73	23
Glasgow	f	43	6	Tangier	s	61	16
Guernsey	c	45	7	Tel Aviv	f	64	18
Helsinki	c	23	-5	Tenerife	f	64	18
Hongkong	f	66	19	Toronto	r	39	4
Innsbrk	sn	23	-5	Tunis	c	54	12
I. of Man	s	45	7	Valencia	f	52	11
Istanbul	f	45	7	*Vancver	s	18	-8
Jeddah	s	88	31	Venice	s	32	0
Jersey	c	45	7	Vienna	sn	21	-6
Karachi	c	68	20	Warsaw	sn	25	-4
L. Palmas	s	64	18	Wellingtn	s	70	21
Lisbon	s	54	12	Zurich	sn	30	-1

Key: C—cloudy; dr—drizzle; f—fair; fg—fog; r—rain; s—sunny; sl—sleet; sn—snow. Temperatures (F & C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's reading.

LONDON READINGS

Max. temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) 43F (6C); min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 39F (4C); rainfall trace; sunshine 3·5 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime) warmest Penzance 50F (10C); coldest Knockarevan, Co. Fermanagh 27F (−3C); wettest Newcastle 0·33in; sunniest Torquay 7·1 hours.

SKI-ING CONDITIONS

SCOTLAND

CAIRNGORM.—Upper runs: Complete but narrow, new snow with icy patches. Middle runs: Two complete, new snow with icy patches. Lower slopes: A little new snow with icy patches. Vertical runs: 1,000ft. Hill roads: Clear. Main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,500ft.

GLENSHEE.—Upper runs: A little snow on a hard base. Lower slopes: Little new snow. Lower slopes: Nil. Vertical runs: Nil. Hill roads: Slight snow. Main roads: Slight snow. Snow level: 2,000ft.

GLENCOE.—Insufficient snow for ski-ing.

LECHT.—Upper runs: Some runs complete, new snow on a hard base. Middle runs: As upper runs. Lower slopes: Limited nursery areas, new snow on a hard base. Vertical runs: 600ft. Hill roads: Slight snow. Main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast for today: Glencoe dry and [illegible] otherwise sunny periods and [illegible] snow showers not amounting to much. Winds north to N.E. moderate or fresh, freezing at all levels most of the time.

Outlook for tomorrow: Cold with sunny periods, further snow showers except at Glencoe.

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COMPANIES

Reliant expects interim loss

RELIANT MOTOR'S continuing development programme, and the inevitably high launch costs for its new sports car, Scimitar SS1, preceding sales revenues in the spring, will mean another opening half loss reports chairman John Nash in his annual statement.

He adds however that profit will be generated in the second half and, hopefully, that the real fruits of the company's labours will be apparent in 1985-86.

Mr Nash says production has now started and that sales, alongside existing Scimitar models, will commence this spring.

He anticipates building and selling about 800 new sports cars in the current financial year, rising to about 2,000 in 1985-86.

He also reveals that a letter of intent has been initialled with a Chinese motor manufacturer for the assembly of the Rialto three-wheeler in that country.

In 1983-84 Reliant lost 25,000 in the opening period but went on to a full year pre-tax profit of £66,000.

Dares Estates

DARES ESTATES is taking a further step towards concentration on property investment and development in the United Kingdom with the sale of Dares Garages to Britannia Oil for around £442,500 cash.

Dares Garages, which operates 18 petrol filling stations in the North West of England, incurred pre-tax losses of £106,000 in 1983 and net assets at end-December amounted to £174,000.

Frank Horsell

FRANK Horsell Group, a supplier of printing consumables and equipment to the printing industry, saw a continuation of general progress in the half year to Sept. 30.

On sales 51 p.c. higher at £11·2m against £7·43m pre-tax profits are up from £1m to £1·4m, and the board is confident the full-year result will comfortably exceed 1984's £2·48m.

Growth overseas was strong, particularly in the United States, and the group has acquired 50 p.c. of the United States distribution company previously owned by J. A. LaGrippe, making this into a wholly owned subsidiary. Competition in world markets remains intense, but demand is firm.

The group, whose shares are traded on the over-the-counter market made by Granville & Co. is paying a 2·2p (1·9p) interim dividend per preferred Ordinary share on Jan. 31.

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Woodchester

WOODCHESTER Investments, which is engaged in the leasing of a wide range of business equipment, has been granted a full listing—the first Irish company to make the transition from U S M status.

Whessoe

LATEST accounts from engineer Whessoe show that Roger Boissier, former managing director of subsidiary Aiton & Company, received £112,000 as compensation for loss of office. Mr Boissier resigned in November 1983 to pursue other interests.

IN BRIEF

TR City of London Trust: Second interim, per deferred stock unit, 0·775p, payable Feb. 28, making 1·55p (1·35p) to date.

BIDS AND DEALS

Atlantic Investment

WITH Vasant Advani's Grovebell Group now in control, the board of Atlanta Investment Trust, with the exception of Mr Antos Glogowski, is advising holders not to remain minority holders but to either accept the increased cash offer or sell in the market for at least 135p a share net of expenses. They are also advising preference holders to seek to sell in the market.

Anglo Nordic

ANGLO NORDIC'S independent directors and their financial advisers have concluded that the £4·39m offer from Danish engineer F L Smidth undervalues the present worth and the prospects of shareholders' investment. Accordingly they recommend holders to retain their Anglo Nordic shares.

Control Securities

CONTROL Securities, the London-based property development and investment group, is making an agreed £2·5m all-share offer for Ascot, the Rule 535(2) quoted investment property development concern chaired by company doctor Ronnie Aitken.

Terms are two Control Ordinary for every five Ascot Ordinary and involve the issue of 4·95m Control shares. Following completion rental income of the enlarged group will be increased by about £900,000 per annum.

Bowater

BOWATER Industries has sold Georgian Goodacre Carpets of Kidderminster and Kendal, formerly Bowater Carpets, to Melton Medes of Nottingham for an undisclosed amount.

Kenyon Securities

KENYON Securities, the funeral and allied services group which joined the U S M just over a year ago, is acquiring F. Clutterham & Son, funeral directors, of Bury St Edmunds, for £182,500 cash, which is equal to asset value. The net profit attributable to those assets is £40,000.

Greene King

SUFFOLK brewer Greene King is to take a 50 p.c. stake in Roullet, the Cognac Group which is to seek worldwide expansion. It involves a cash investment of only £178,000. Greene King is the 25 p.c. minority shareholder in Harp Lager; Arthur Guinness has the other 75 p.c.

Rolfe & Nolan Computer Services has acquired Marine Computer Services for £100,000, to be satisfied by a vendor placing of 91,900 Ordinary shares at 110p each. M C S is a software house with a turnover of £140,000 per year.

CHAIRMEN

Bass builds up cash mountain

BASS, the brewing group, has joined the growing number of major British companies with cash accumulating in the bank. Over the year to September, Bass increased its cash and short-term deposits from £39·8 million to £97·2 million.

During the year the group generated more than £500 million but required only £248 million for its fixed asset investment, dividends and tax payments.

Chairman Derek Palmar says that during the year Bass maintained its policy of improvement and expansion of facilities and retail outlets, spending £180 million on capital items. In the current year capital expenditure of £263 million has been authorised, a substantial amount being earmarked for expansion and improvement of retail outlets.

He adds that in all divisions trading in the current year has exceeded that for the same period last year.

J A Devenish — Richard Hargreaves: Confident of a good upturn in trading profits in 1985 and in future years. Immediate cost of our changes are considerable but many already allowed for in 1984 accounts.

Pericom—Ron Cragg: Several major contracts already signed this year and outstanding order book substantially higher.

City of Dublin Bank—Thomas Kenny: Present financial year will not be one of tranquility, but we shall produce results that will not deface our image.

Wistech—Tony Morgan: Planning to operate in specialist field of treatment, decontamination and decommissioning of highly toxic and nuclear waste. Will operate as sole nominated subcontractors to a new British subsidiary of Vikem Industries of United States, with the assistance of its technology.

MINING

Hampton Areas

SCOTTISH Amicable Life Assurance Society holds or controls 5·48 p.c. of Hampton Gold Mining Areas, it was announced yesterday.

NEW LIFE BUSINESS

Colonial Mutual

COLONIAL Mutual Group's total new annual and single premiums for 1984 show a 7 p.c. dip from £26·1m to £24·3m. The fall in new annual premiums on the life business was 25 p.c., from £13·6m to £10·2m, reflecting both the exceptional MIRAS results of 1983 and the withdrawal of life assurance premium relief in March.

Pensions business was 34 p.c. up from £2·19m to £2·93m, reflecting not only current market trends but also the investment performance of the 1984 introduced unit-linked contracts for individuals.

Scottish Widows' Fund & Life Assurance: New annual premium income for ordinary business assurances and annuities—including executive pension schemes—£30m (£24m). Single premiums £72m (£58m).

Mercantile & General Reinsurance: Net new sums assured £10·9bn (£8·93bn). Net new annual premiums £32·1m (£31·7m). Net single premiums £58·9m (£53·8m).

Grand Marine liquidation fear

LIQUIDATION is likely, admits Grand Marine chairman and general manager Aubrey Clark as more and more creditor banks pull out of the 30-month programme led by Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to save the former shipping arm of Hongkong's failed Carrian Group.

Three years ago Grand Marine was one of the world's biggest shipowners with 66 vessels. Now it is down to nine, with revenue going straight to banks which hoped to cut their losses by avoiding liquidation.

But the world shipping crisis is developing fast, with rising losses and more companies running into trouble. Hongkong owners, for instance, have vessels on charter to Irish Shipping, which has been put into liquidation by the Irish government, and to Salen, the big Swedish business which has filed for bankruptcy for its main companies.

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Bath and Portland 'sell' time

NOW that Bath and Portland's share price has nicely lined up with Consolidated Gold Fields' bid of one share plus 420p cash for every three shareholders may as well sell in the market.

Not that there is anything wrong holding Cons Gold paper, but its share price can be sensitive to gold price movement, the current gold price is nervous and for Bath shareholders there is a fundamental change in investment direction.

There also seems little chance of C. H. Beazer coming back for Bath and Portland with a higher offer—its original offer of two of its shares plus 460p cash for every five held values Bath at around 242p each against a current market price of 300p.

To top Cons Gold the Beazer camp would be staring a £61·5 million bid in the face, with every prospect of Cons Gold coming back again. As the offers now stand Beazer is in line for a £5·7 million (pre-tax and expenses) profit on its Bath holding of 22 p.c. and Cons Gold now counts 21 p.c. of irrevocable undertakings without any reckoning of the M. P. Kent votes.

Cons Gold should have picked up Bath and Portland some time ago because the mineral interests are an obvious complement to Amey Roadstone Corporation, but better late than never.

Some parts of the Bath and Portland group will be found a new home, but in the main its ownership of aggregates and related products together with building contracting gives Cons Gold an even wider geographical spread within the United Kingdom in an industry which has served it well.

The maximum cash element of the Cons Gold offer is £28·6 million, while the shares involved represent a mere 3·5 p.c. of its capital. The formal documents should be out within a week and there should be a "yes" vote all round.

Grand Met goes 'speculative'

GRAND Metropolitan must feel like the old auntie left off the Christmas card list: nobody seems to have selected it for their New Year "naps".

The shares have regularly appeared in New York tips, including more than one "Questor" portfolio. But if anyone rates Grand Metropolitan for 1985, he is keeping quiet about it.

In view of the fact that Grand Metropolitan shares underperformed the stock market as a whole and the breweries sector in particular by a substantial margin during 1984, that is perhaps surprising.

But in view of the corner into which the company found itself boxed last year, it is understandable. The company failed to pull off a $325 million management buy-out of its American cigarette business Liggett Group when B A T Industries moved into the market segment occupied by Liggett's unbranded generic cigarettes and demolished prices.

That it itself was bad, but the consequences are yet to be felt. The tobacco business which generated $50 million of profits last year is operating at only just above break-even, so a big chunk of assets is not earning its keep.

What is more, the failure of the deal to go through has cramped Grand Metropolitan's style, because the funds it would have raised are now not available.

With financial gearing above the 50 p.c. level, major acquisitions will be difficult to fund. A rights issue would be highly unpopular, and acquisitions for shares when the prospective price/earnings ratio is only nine tend to be rather expensive.

The trading outlook in some divisions is good, especially in beer. But in others it is indifferent and there will be no short term pick-up in cigarettes. Plans to bid for Horizon Travel seem to have been put back on the shelf.

In short, not much of a case can be made for the shares to move up significantly from their present 308p, where the prospective yield is 5 p.c. But that ignores the possibility that a solution will be found to the cigarette problem: it may be a long shot but it is enough to change the rating from "hold" to "speculative buy."

A I M Group not for chasing

IF EVERYTHING goes well for A I M Group its 1984-85 profits could be roughly in line with those declared for 1981-82, the year in which the company pitched itself on to the market via an offer for sale.

That 1981-82 profits level was bang in line with the prospectus forecast at £2·2 million pre-tax but since then both the shares and the profits have suffered a bumpy flight.

After 1981-82 the company which is largely concerned with the manufacture of internal modules for aircraft was hit by a severe recession in the aircraft industry and profits dived to £447,000.

They climbed back to £1·1 million last year and have continued their recovery in the first six months of 1984-85 with an interim profits rise to Oct. 31, from £488,000 to £855,000 pre-tax.

The slump in aviation equipment profits was turned round last year, but the latest profits rise has come principally from the non-aviation activities, which contributed 30 p.c. of profits. The company has recognised the volatility of the aircraft industry, and is now concentrating on building up the other side of its interests.

So far it has produced a good improvement from its mechanical services division and its house conversion business, as well as the first meaningful profit from the Mealstream microair ovens operation, which broke even for the first time last year.

But the aviation business still dominates. As a higher incidence of deliveries comes through in the second half, profits should rise above £2 million for the year, within which aviation will probably contribute about 75 p.c.

The group is hoping to even the balance of profits out eventually to 50:50 between aviation and non aviation. But this is going to be a two to three year haul and will probably require acquisitions.

The balance sheet is strong and gearing should be below 20 p.c. in the current year. But doubts still surround the shares which have bounced between a low of 53p and a high of 188p since their flotation at 140p.

At 124p, the current price, the prospective earnings multiple is 10·9. That could reduce a point or two over the next two years as non-aviation grows but there is no reason to chase the shares over the short term.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS

Rudolf Wolff Report

COPPER: Easier. Wire Bars: Off settlement £1,145 (£1,140·50), off midday cash £1,144·50-£1,145. 3 mths £1,148·50-£1,149·50, aft close cash £1,136-£1,137. 3 mths £1,142-£1,142·50. T/O: 16,450 tonnes. Cathodes: Idle. Off settlement £1,135 (£1,120), off midday cash £1,134-£1,135. 3 mths £1,149-£1,150, aft close cash £1,128-£1,130. 3 mths £1,142-£1,145. T/O: 200 tonnes.

TIN: Barely steady. Off settlement £10,000 (£9,966), off midday cash £9,998-£10,000. 3 mths £9,959-£9,961; aft close cash £9,975-£9,985; 3 mths £9,945-£9,955. T/O: 1,150 tonnes.

LEAD: Steady. Off settlement £361 (£341), off midday cash £359-£361. 3 mths £352-£352·50, aft close cash £360-£362. 3 mths £335-£334. T/O: 8,225 tonnes.

ZINC: Steady. Off settlement £695 (£685), off midday cash £694-£695. 3 mths £686·50-£687·50. aft close cash £690-£692. 3 mths £686-£686·50. T/O: 6,375 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 546·5p-547·5p. 3 mths 559·0p-558·5p. aft close cash 539·0p-540·0p. 3 mths 551·5p-552·0p. T/O: 95 lots of 10,000 ozs each.

ALUMINIUM: Barely steady. Off settlement £912 (£900), off midday cash £911-£912. 3 mths £932-£932·50, aft close cash £907-£908. 3 mths £929-£930. T/O: 11,025 tonnes.

NICKEL: Steady. Off settlement £4,200 (£4,150), off midday cash £4,195-£4,200. 3 mths £4,225-£4,235. aft close cash £4,175-£4,185. 3 mths £4,215-£4,230. T/O: 360 tonnes.

LONDON GOLD FUTURES (price in $): Feb. 307·20. T/o 857 Lots of 100 troy ozs. each.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 546·55 (542·35), 3 mths 559·35 (554·50), 6 mths 574·10 (567·90), 1 yr. 601·65 (594·40).

PLATINUM: Free-Market $246·65 ($250·50).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot 65·00-66·00 (65·00-66·00). Futures: Idle. Feb. £610-£660, Mar. £620-£670, April £630-£680, May £640-£690, June £650-£700, July £660-£710, Aug. £670-£720, Sept. £680-£730, Oct. £690-£740. T/o Nil Lots.

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Basis $660. No. 3 Long $680. C.I.F., Antwerp Prices.

SUGAR: London daily price. Raws £85·50, $98. No. 6 contract. $ per tonne. Mar. 120·40-120·60, May 127·40-127·60, Aug. 137·40-137·60, Oct. 144·40-144·80, Dec. 150·40-151·60, Nov. 165·40-166·20, May 172·20-178·20. T/o 417 Lots.

SOYA MEAL: Easier. Feb. £143·50-£144, April £148·50-£144, June £144·30-£145, Aug. £147·50-£148·50, Oct. £148·50-£150·50, Dec. £149·50-£152, Feb. £150-£155. T/o 135 Lots.

COCOA £ per ton: March 1874, May 1886, July 1998, Sept. 1898, Dec. 1847. Sales: 1,945.

COFFEE £ per ton: Jan. 2247, March 2288, May 2280, July 2285, Sept. 2275, Nov. 2270. Sales 2,805.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

BARLEY £ per ton: Jan. 110·80, March 113·45, May 116·60, Sept. 98·05, Nov. 101·35. **WHEAT "B"** £ per ton: Jan. 109·90, March 113, May 116·80, July 118·70; Sept. 98.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot prices in $: Arab Light 27·80, Dubai 27·20, North Sea (Forties) 26·60-65, North Sea (Brent) 26·45-50.

GAS OIL FUTURES

Jan. 215·75-15·50, Feb. 215·75-15·50, March 212·50-12·25, April 210·50-10·25, May 210·50-10·25, June 210·50-09·50, July 212·08, Aug. 215·06, Sept. 214·05. Total volume 1,607. Premier Man.

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PIGMEAT (Gafta): Feb. 112·5p, June 108·7p, Aug. 104p, Oct. 112p, Nov. 112·3p. T/o 33 Lots.

POTATOES (Gafta): Feb. £46·30, Apr. £54·30, May £56·80, Nov. £70·40, Feb. £82. T/o 109 Lots of 40 tonnes each.

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Fruit lb: Apples eating 12-26, cookers 8-16; apricots 100; bananas 30-32; cherries 150; cranberries 80; grapes Spanish 40, SA 110, hothouse 200; lychees 80; clementines 10-30; satsumas 13-16; pears 14-26; strawberries 480. Each: Avocados 16-50; coconuts 26; grapefruit 5-10, pink 10-30; kiwi 16-25; lemons 3-8; limes 16; mangoes 60-30; melons honeydew 60-100, Ogen 200-300; nectarines 20-40; peaches 15-25; pineapples 100-150; sharon 24; ugli 30-60; oranges 3-9; dates 8oz 50-60; figs 12.

Salad lb: Tomatoes 15-30, beef 38; chicory 60; beet cooked 25; Chinese leaf 20; parsley 50; cabbage red and white 10. Bunch: Radish 20; cress 15-35; spring onion imported 30. Each: Celery dirty 18, per pack 24-28; cucumbers 24-34; lettuce round 15-16, cos 30, iceberg 30-60; endive 70.

Vegetables lb: Aubergine 30; Kenya beans 85; sprouts 16-20, tops 8; cabbage 10; calabrese imported 40; carrots 7-10; capsicums 40-60; courgettes 40-50; fennel and garlic 40; spring greens 10; leeks 20; mangetout 80; mushrooms 30-50; onions 6-10; parsnips 8-10; potatoes old 3-5, new 21; spinach 20; swedes 5, turnips 8. Each: Cauliflower 30.

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JULL.—On Dec. 30, at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, to TINA (née Marshall) and PETER, of Deal, a daughter (Gemma Victoria).

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MARRIAGES

DRAGE—LEWIS.—On Dec. 29, 1984, at High Street Methodist Church, Harpenden, JEREMY DRAGE, of Earls Barton, Northamptonshire, to HEATHER LEWIS, of Harpenden, Herts.

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DEATHS

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ALLWOOD.—On Dec. 25, 1984, peacefully at Burwood Nursing Home, Broadstone, MARGARET MARIE, formerly of 56, Golf Links Road, Ferndown. Funeral service at All Saint's Church, West Parley, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please, but all inquiries to A. H. Griffin (C. E. Bunn) F/D, 6, Dunyeats Road, Broadstone, tel. 693275.

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ASHENFELTER.—On Dec. 30, at Budleigh Salterton, Devon, HOWARD L. ASHENFELTER, Lt Cdr U.S.N. (Retd.), dearly loved husband of Phyl, father of Ann, Jack and Jon, grandfather of Nancy, Susan, Lynn, Bill, Jennifer, Kerry and baby Katie and great-grandfather of Jesse and Jolie. Funeral service St Peter's Church, Budleigh Salterton, Tuesday, Jan. 8, 11 a.m., followed by private cremation. No flowers please. Donations, in lieu, if desired, to League of Friends, Budleigh Salterton Hospital.

ASHWIN.—On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully in hospital, DOROTHY, known lovingly as Bumble, aged 88. Funeral service St Mary's Church, Maidenhead, at 1.30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 4. No flowers please, but any donations to St Mary's Church.

AUSTIN.—On Dec. 23, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, MABEL KATHLEEN, aged 85, of Devonshire House, Adpar Street, W2, as a result of a tragic road accident. Funeral service Friday, Jan. 4, 1.30 p.m., at St Marylebone Crematorium, East End Road, East Finchley. No flowers by request, but if desired donations to Moorfields Eye Hospital Trust Fund may be sent c/o R. P. Sherry & Son, 25, Bell Street, Marylebone NW1.

BARNWELL.—On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully at his home in Goring-on-Thames, FREDERICK REGINALD LOWRY BARNWELL, O.B.E., E.R.D., F.I.C.F., aged 77 years, husband of Norah for over 60 years and father of Ann (de Montfort), Katharine and Michael. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Streatley, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m., followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to a charity of your own choice.

BECKETT.—On Dec. 30, 1984, suddenly in hospital, KATHLEEN NANCY, for over 40 years with the Royal London Insurance. Service takes place at Barham Crematorium, Kent, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985, at 3.30 p.m. Family flowers only. If wished donations may be sent to Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, Alexandra House, 5, Blythe Road, Bromley, Kent.

BELCHAMBER.—On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully, FLORENCE EUGENIE, beloved twin sister of Lilian, of Grange Cottage, Ferring, Sussex. Funeral service at St Andrew's Church, Ferring, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to the Church of England Children's Society, c/o P. A. Tourle & Son, funeral directors, Church Lane, Ferring, tel. Worthing 46198.

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DEATHS (Continued)

BELL.—On Dec. 30, at Chesham Bois Manor, DOROTHY BELL, aged 92 years, sister to Rosa and formerly of Old Orchard, Bierton. Funeral will take place at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Monday, Jan. 7, at 10.30 a.m.

BENNETT.—On Dec. 28, very peacefully, Sister ELEANORA M. BENNETT, Religious of the Sacred Heart, aged 95. Requiem Mass on Friday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m., at the Convent Chapel, Digby Stuart College, Roehampton Lane, London, S.W.15.

BETTS.—On Dec. 29, at Dulwich Hospital, after much suffering wonderfully endured, CHRISTINA IRENE, wife of Ernest (Gerry). Now at peace. Cremation at West Norwood Crematorium on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Donations please to the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

BLACK.—On Dec. 29, MARGARET CHRISTINE BLACK. Service at All Saints, Hoole, Chester, 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, followed by cremation.

BLOWES. — On Dec. 27, PETER GILBERT, aged 55 years, of Avon, Lopham Road, East Harling, Norfolk, a dearly loved husband and father. Funeral service at East Harling Church on Friday, Jan. 4, at 12.45 p.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for St Nicholas' Hospice, c/o David Turner Funeral Services, 15a, Old Market Street, Thetford, Norfolk, please, tel. Thetford 61333.

BODEN.—On Dec. 29, passed peacefully to rest in a Bournemouth hospital, CHARLES, aged 96 years. Funeral service Friday, Jan. 4, at 4.15 p.m., at Bournemouth Crematorium. Flowers may be sent to Deric-Scott Portman Lodge Funeral Home, 733, Christchurch Road, Bournemouth 34311.

BOOCOCK. — On Dec. 31, 1984, peacefully at Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home, BERNARD FRANCIS, aged 90 years, fortified by the Rites of the Holy Church.

BRAGG.—On Dec. 29, peacefully at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex, CASSANDRA FELICITY BRAGG, M.B.E. Loved by so many. Service at Chichester Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only please, or donations to Cancer Relief.

BROOKES. — On Dec. 31, JAMES BROOKES, O.B.E., dearly loved husband of Edith, father of Roger and Susan, grandfather of Victoria, Rebecca, Julian and Helen. Much loved by all our families.

BROWN.—On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully at home, ROBERT ALFRED, Ex P.W.D. Nigeria, widower of Gwen Seller (Harris), father of Marion and Derek. Cremation, Friday, Jan. 4. Close family only.

BUSHBY.—On Dec. 27, at Pevensey Bay, FLORENCE MABEL, in her 81st year, beloved wife of the late CYRIL ARNOLD BUSHBY, mother of Cyril and Corinne, grandmother of Anthea. No flowers.

BUTLER.—On Dec. 28, peacefully in hospital, NORMAN HENDERSON, deeply mourned by his widow, daughter, son and grandson. Cremation Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Monday, Jan. 7, 11.45 a.m. Flowers Grimstead, 164, Field End Road, Eastcote.

CALTHROP. — On Dec. 20, 1984, peacefully at home at Thames Ditton, JOAN (Helen) CALTHROP (née Ford), aged 75. Funeral details from F. W. Paine, Esher 64023. Greatly missed by all her family and friends in England, Scotland and Australia.

CAMPBELL.—On Dec. 27, 1984, OLIVE BERNICE, at Cornwallis Court, wife of the late Major R. J. M. CAMPBELL, M.C., formerly of Kenya, mother of John and Robert, grandmother of Murray, Neil and Fiona, dearly loved. Funeral service will take place at St Peter's Church, Hospital Road, Bury St Edmunds, 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985. Flowers to L. Fulcher Ltd, 80, Whiting Street, Bury St Edmunds.

CHANCE.—On Dec. 28, 1984, in London, IVAN OSWALD CHANCE, C.B.E. Funeral 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, at St Paul's, Deptford. Flowers to J. H. Kenyon, 45, Marloes Road, W.8. Memorial service to be announced later.

CHAPLIN.—On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully at his home, STEPHEN ROY CHAPLIN, aged 81 years, of 13, Sackville Gardens, Stoneygate, Leicester, the dearly beloved husband of Winifred and a dear father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Knighton, Leicester, on Monday, Jan. 7, 1985, at 2.30 p.m. Cremation following at Leicester Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, for the British Heart Foundation, c/o Ginns & Gutteridge Ltd., funeral directors, of Leicester, tel. (0533) 56177.

CHASTON.—On Dec. 28, 1984, peacefully after a lengthy illness, at Bon Secours Nursing Home, Beaconsfield, OLIVE EDITH CHASTON, late of Hartley Court, Gerrards Cross, Bucks. Cremation service at Golders Green Crematorium, Bedford Chapel, on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 1.40 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Golders Green Crematorium.

CLIFT.—On Dec. 28, in hospital, REGINALD MARTIN, loved husband of Nibs and father of Anthony. Funeral service at St Stephen's Church, East Twickenham, on Jan. 8, at 11.30 a.m., followed by cremation at the South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hanworth, at 12.15 p.m. Flowers may be sent to H. G. Bryan & Sanders, 512, Great West Road, Hounslow, by 10 a.m.

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REAGAN TEAM STUDY ARMS TALK OPTIONS

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

PRESIDENT REAGAN interrupted his California holiday yesterday to consult his chief advisers on negotiating strategy for next week's American-Russian meeting in Geneva on arms control.

He arranged a meeting with Mr Shultz, the Secretary of State, who will lead the American delegation: Mr Caspar Weinberger, Defence Secretary: and Mr Robert McFarlane, his National Security Adviser, in Palm Springs.

Mr McFarlane had earlier handed the President a set of six "option papers" on the negotiating instructions Mr Shultz will take to Geneva at the weekend for his meeting on Monday and Tuesday with Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, said basic decisions had been "pretty much made" but the President might not confer final approval until after his return to Washington tonight.

Despite official talk of broad agreement on Mr Shultz's marching orders, reports of dissension within the Administration persist. For instance, Time magazine contends in its latest issue that "so far, the U.S. arms-control advisers cannot agree among themselves on what to offer the Soviets, much less on what to accept in return."

Dual approach

Broadly speaking, the American view is that next week's *ice-breaking session in Geneva* could lead to two sets of arms control negotiations that might start as soon as March.

One would cover offensive weapons — strategic and intermediate - range missiles — and thereby combine the twin topics of the Geneva talks that broke up late in 1985 after Nato started deploying new missiles in Europe.

The other would tackle space weaponry, including anti-satellite devices and the President's strategic initiative (S D I) designed to destroy incoming missiles with laser rays or other futuristic means.

Even though S D I is still a remote concept not even on the drawing-boards, American officials believe that the fear of such a system is a factor in bringing the Russians back to the bargaining-table.

Meanwhile Mr Paul Nitze, 77, the veteran American disarmament policymaker, has let it be known that he will not head the U.S. delegation to any new round of arms negotiations that emerges from next week's Geneva encounter. Now a special adviser to Mr Schultz, Mr Nitze formerly led to American team in the intermediate-range missile talks at Geneva.

The WASHINGTON POST, which quoted Mr Nitze as disclosing *his decision in a telephone interview*, said that while he had given no reason other officials attributed it to the health of members of his family.

MORAL PRINCIPLES
Pope's appeal

The Pope said yesterday that the Geneva talks were a splash of hope on the horizon of the world after more than a year of anxious waiting. But, he warned pilgrims in St Peter's Square, Rome, "Each time the parties return to the debating table they find that the problems have grown bigger and are more entangled."

Calculations made by experts were beyond the understanding of common men whose hearts are filled with anguish by the threat of destruction, said the Pope. Negotiations could not be guided by technical criteria alone but must be inspired above all by human and moral principles.

For an honest dialogue, each side must take the other's legitimate rights and true interests fully into account.

"The energy and resources which are set free by disarmament must be dedicated to the great causes of our time; the campaign against famine, the promotion of humanity and the development of populations."

Gromyko's hope

Mr Gromyko, in a statement quoted by the news agency TASS in Moscow yesterday, said he hoped the Americans would "join us in the quest for efficient accords" at Geneva. "A spread of the arms race to space," he added, "would signify appearance of a new source of mortal danger."—A P.

BRITONS

By JAMES MacMANUS

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lieved that another Briton, Mr Glen Dixon, had also been taken prisoner.

Mr Dixon's wife Linda said at her home in Wymeswold, Leicestershire last night: "I am stunned. But I know my husband is a survivor and he will get through. Even if he has to walk all those miles he will make it.

"My husband is a very strong man and I am confident he will come through any ordeal."

She said she recently returned from a three-month holiday with her husband in Angola.

"The subject of kidnapping was frequently discussed between us, but my husband was not unduly worried about it," she said.

Like the four other Britons in Kafunfo during the attack, Mr Dixon, who maintains earth-moving equipment, had been working to repair the damage caused by Unita's previous attack, last Feburary.

In the raid, the anti-Marxist guerrillas captured 80 foreign workers, including 16 Britons, and marched them through the bush for five weeks to the rebel headquarters at Jamba, 800 miles to the south.

Envoy's visit

Dr Savimbi initially demanded that Britain should recognise the legitimacy of his movement as a price for the release of the Britons.

While the remaining prisoners were released and flown by the International Red Cross to South Africa, the Unita leader bargained through third parties with the British Government.

Finally the Foreign Office sent out Sir John Leahy, then Deputy Under Secretary, and now High Commissioner in Australia, as a *special* envoy. *His visit to the rebel base* gained the release of the 16 hostages.

Yesterday, a Briton who survived that ordeal, Mr Douglas Samuel, of Pentre, Glamorgan, recalled his lengthy trek in the bush with Unita.

He said: "If there were government helicopters in the area you would hole up for a few days, and conversely, if it was clear, you just marched.

"I think the longest we marched at a stretch was for 23 hours. For the first few days everyone was a bit nervous, but gradually a relationship did develop."

Mr Samuel said there was little risk to the hostages from their captors. "The only danger will come from a clash between Unita and government troops.

"But this is the rainy season which affords poor visibility for helicopters and encourages plant growth, so there is plenty of cover. There is not much risk of a clash."

In Washington, Mr Jeremiah Chitunda, Unita's "Foreign Minister," accused the hostages of co-operating with the Luanda government and assisting the Soviet occupation of his country.

But he said that at some point arrangements would be made for their release.

PRETORIA BLAMED
'No power-sharing'

OUR LISBON CORRESPONDENT writes: As the latest guerrilla offensive against the Angolan regime increased, President Jose Eduardo dos Santos pledged that there would be no power-sharing with the rebels.

In his traditional New Year's message, transmitted to Lisbon yesterday, the Angolan Head of State accused South Africa of master-minding the rebel operations. He said Pretoria wanted political concessions involving power-sharing with Unita. Negotiations with Unita could not be contemplated.

Editorial Comment—P10

AIR U.K. AIMS FOR A MILLION PASSENGERS

By Our Air Correspondent

Air U K, one of the largest independent airlines, hopes to carry a million passengers this year after substantial growth and regional route expansion.

Last year the company introduced services to Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France from several regional airports, with additional domestic connections to feed these routes.

It has also invested in five new aircraft, bringing its fleet to 23.

£3m WHARF FOR PAPER IMPORTS

By Our Shipping Correspondent

A £5 *million* expansion at Convoys Wharf, on the Thames at Deptford, is to be completed in the Spring to handle more paper and board imported from Finland.

It qualifies for a Government grant of £360,000 because it will take much traffic off roads between East Coast ports and inner London.

Free modern detached house. Suit young couple with family.

When you join the RSPB from this advertisement, we'll send you an attractive nestbox for the birds in your garden — free.

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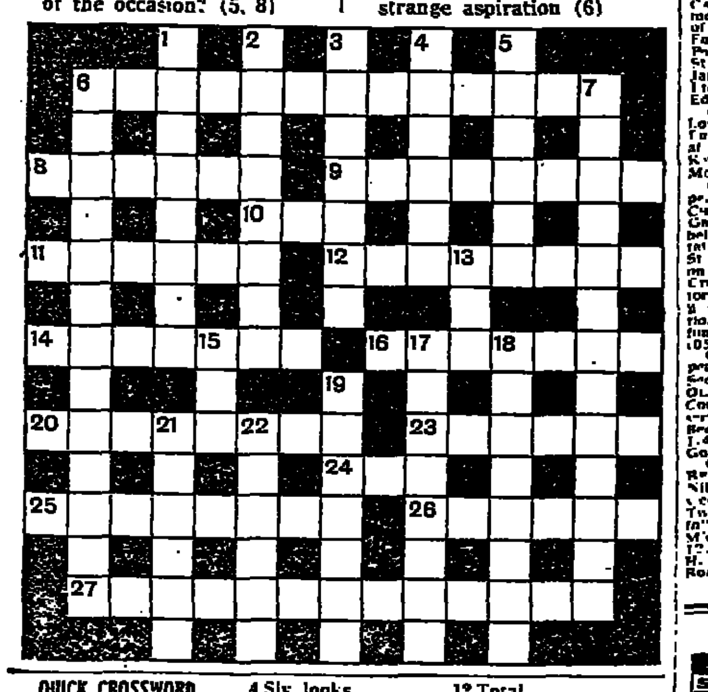
ACROSS

- 6 Firm decision on industrial earnings? (3, 10)
- 8 A gadfly that would be welcome in the doldrums (6)
- 9 Badly tailored image-worshipper (8)
- 10 A tune without which life would be impossible (3)
- 11 Runs counter at Lord's? (6)
- 12 The apostle Laurel did a picture of, apparently (2, 6)
- 14 Comparatively peaceful though quite different return? (7)
- 16 Northern town holding RSA scholarship (7)
- 20 Surplus amphibian taken in by fond admirer (8)
- 23 Use force to hold down a country (6)
- 24 Alpine flower? The traveller's joy, possibly (3)
- 25 Cunning bounders won over by bribery (8)
- 26 Nothing I find in a part for a bird (6)
- 27 Paper clips kept as souvenirs of the occasion? (5, 8)

DOWN

- 1 Astonished outcry explaining how Anne was followed? (2, 6)
- 2 Take part in a dramatic trial (8)
- 3 A sober fellow describing coniferous trees to begin with (2, 5)
- 4 Fast-moving Basque play (6)
- 5 A draughtsman turning up to get recompense (6)
- 6 Big drop a highly trained soldier is prepared to take (9, 4)
- 7 A capital place to live in ... (3, 10)
- 13 ... and not some cabin or shanty (3)
- 15 The number that was offered initially (3)
- 17 How evidence should be given in a court case (4, 4)
- 18 I take on insects in platoons, maybe (8)
- 19 A good tip for the writer? (7)
- 21 Minor scoop for a nurseryman (6)
- 22 Go missing? That's Ivan's strange aspiration (6)



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Hebrew judge and prophet
- 4 Sly looks
- 8 Pungent
- 9 Listlessness
- 10 Copse
- 11 Insect
- 12 Total
- 14 Otherwise
- 15 Greedy
- 18 Regret
- 21 Boast
- 23 Prison warder
- 25 Accomplish
- 26 Fragrance
- 27 Unpleasant
- 28 Seemly

DOWN

- 1 Scanty
- 2 Warlike
- 3 Imperil
- 4 Gasp
- 5 Peer
- 6 Expand
- 7 Excoriates
- 13 Wedlock
- 16 Annoying
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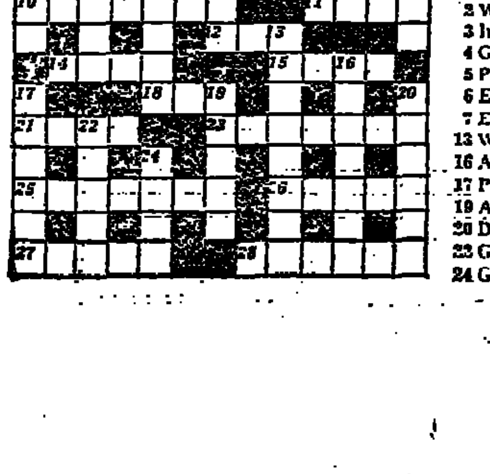
- 20 Despot
- 22 Greenfly
- 24 Gainsay



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Monday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Plea, 3 Stations, 9 North, 10 Requite, 11 Hut, 13 Prevalent, 14 Flurry, 16 Terror, 18 Incognito, 20 Bag, 22 Peevish, 23 Luger, 25 Runner up, 26 Inch. DOWN: 1 Punch, 2 Far, 4 Turkey, 5 T-square, 6 Olive drab, 7 Shelter, 8 Stop, 12 Truncheon, 14 Flopper, 15 Ragtime, 17 Vishnu, 19 Oslo, 21 Girth, 24 Gun.

For a chance on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword.*

DEATHS (Continued)

CLOUGHER.—On Dec. 21, 1984, after a long illness, NORAH KATHLEEN (née Buchan-Sydserff), widow of [illegible] CLOUGHER. Private cremation, interment of ashes in Scotland at a later date. No flowers or letters but donations to Edenhall Nursing Home, Hampstead, N.W.3, would be appreciated.

COBBETT.—On Dec. 29, 1984, peacefully, in the care of the Harestone Nursing Home, JEAN, of 184a, Coombe Lane, West Wimbledon, London, SW20. Cremation at Putney Vale, 10.50 a.m., Monday, Jan. 7, 1985. [illegible] tions to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Harestone Nursing Home, Caterham, Surrey CR3 6YQ, would be appreciated.

COLLINS.—On Dec. 30, in Dubai, CHRIS, aged 36 years, husband of Jane. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Monday, Jan. 7, at 10.50 a.m. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation.

COLQUHOUN.—On Saturday, Dec. 29, 1984, suddenly but peacefully, at his home, 1a, Greenway Road, Weymouth, JAMES, aged 91 years, dearly loved husband of Pat, much loved father [illegible] grandfather.

COLVIN.—On Dec. 29, at 2, Hall Place Gardens, St Albans, Major S. McLEOD COLVIN, aged 89 years, Middlesex Regiment, 1914-1921, 1939-45 and the Police College, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, [illegible] dear father of Pamela Owen and the late Peter Colvin, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral service at West Herts Crematorium on Monday, Jan. 7, at 10.45 a.m. Family flowers only, but, if desired, donations to the Treasurer, The Abbeyfield Society (Extra Care Unit), Wheathampstead, Herts.

CORDEN.—On Dec. 26, peacefully, H. T. (Peter) CORDEN, brother of Edward and Stanley, father of Robert and grandfather of Lucinda, Diana and Julian. No flowers please. If wished donations to Multiple Sclerosis. Cremation at Barnstaple on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 12 noon.

COURTENAY.—On Dec. 31, peacefully in Stoke Mandeville Hospital, ETHEL ANNIE, aged 92 years, widow of Stanley, and dearly loved mother of Valerie, Jane, Brian, and Christine. Family funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Friday, Jan. 4, 1985, at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving service at Bexhill-on-Sea, to be arranged. Family flowers only, but donations if so wished to the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Inquiries F. H. Shefield, Aylesbury 82160.

CROMPTON.—On Dec. 30, 1984, peacefully at Tavern Cottage, [illegible], aged 99 years, after a long and happy life. Donations to Oxfam. Funeral service, Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, 2.30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 7.

DAVISON.—On Monday, Dec. 31, 1984, peacefully at his home, Yoxall, Barline, Beer, Seaton, Devon, WILLIAM GRAHAM, aged 85 years. Funeral service on Friday, Jan. 4, 1985, at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium at 1 p.m. Inquiries to C. W. Hanford, funeral director, 2, Mount Hill, Beer, Seaton, Devon, tel. Seaton 21113.

D'EATH.—On Dec. 28, suddenly at his home, St Mary Church, Torquay, PETER EWART D'EATH, aged 58, formerly of Herne Hill, S.E.24, dearly loved son of the late Albert and Lily D'eath, and beloved brother of Betty.

DEAVIN.—On Dec. 28, peacefully in hospital, STATIRA EVELYN (Dearie), beloved wife of Archie and mother of Joan, Pat and Mary. Funeral service Jan. 4, Christchurch United Reformed Church, London Road, Chelmsford, at 1 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Medical Academics Unit of Chelmsford, C.M.E.R.T., c/o Bakers of Danbury Ltd.

DICKINSON.—On Dec. 28, RONALD S. S. DICKINSON, C.M.G., beloved and loving husband of Vida and devoted father of Erryl and a much appreciated friend. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Jan. 9 at 12 noon.

DODD.—On Dec. 28, suddenly CHARLES J. B., in Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. Memorial service 12.30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 8, at St James's Church, Porchester, Nottingham. No flowers by request. Donations to St James's Church, Porchester, Nottingham.

DOULTON.—On Dec. 29, suddenly at home, PETER DUKE DOULTON, aged 78, much loved husband of Elizabeth (Betty) and father of Antony and Ian. Private funeral, Monday, Jan. 7, 1985. Flowers, if desired to Kensons Ltd, Marloes Road, Kensington W.8 (937 0757).

DOWNS.—On Dec. 27, suddenly, FRANK, aged 75 years, husband of Marion and father of Andrew and Hilary. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Petersfield, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX.

DUBERY.—On Dec. 27, 1984, at Brook Hospital, WILLIAM THOMAS ROBERT (Bob), aged 84 years, of Berry Hill, S.E.9, beloved brother of Louise. Funeral service at Eltham Crematorium on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1985, 2.45 p.m.

DUNLOP.—On Dec. 30, peacefully at home, GWENDOLEN E. DUNLOP, aged 83, widow of Fergus, much loved mother of Malcolm and Robert. Private cremation.

DYER. — On Dec. 28, 1984, in Worthing Hospital, JOHN HENRY MEREDITH, aged 76 years, much loved father and grandfather. Service Friday, Jan. 4, at Steyne Gardens Methodist Church, Worthing, 11.15 a.m.

EADE.—On Dec. 30, 1984, suddenly, EDWARD DOUGLAS, beloved father of Juliete and Oliver, sadly missed by Sheila Penelope. Service at Golders Green Crematorium on Friday Jan. 4, at 2.50 p.m. Flowers and inquiries to J. H. Kenyon Ltd, 9, Pond Street, N.W.3.

EDWARD.—On Dec. 30, peacefully in Dorchester, ROBERT LESLIE (Teddy), R.F.C., Wing Commander R.A.F., dear husband of the late Margaret and loving father of Susan and Tessa. Funeral service at St Mary's, Charminster, Dorchester on Saturday Jan. 5, at 12.30 p.m., after private cremation. Family flowers only. Any donations to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67, Portland Place, London W.1.

EDWARDS.—On Dec. 30, peacefully at Pembury Hospital, ALICE, aged 85, formerly of 7, John Street, Tunbridge Wells, much loved by family and friends. Funeral service at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Wednesday Jan. 9, at 3 p.m. Flowers to E. R. Hickmott and Son, 41, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

EDWARDS.—On Dec. 28, 1984, suddenly at her daughter's home on the east coast, SUSAN LOUISE PAULE, aged 69 years, the beloved wife of the late Major PETER EDWARDS, dearly loved mother of Francine. Service and cremation at Lytham St Annes, Park Crematorium, on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 3.50 p.m. All inquiries and flowers to M. Rawcliffe, tel. (0253) 735269.

EDWARDS.—On Dec. 29, after a [illegible] of John and mother of Matthew and Roberta. Funeral service at Chatham Garrison Church at 1 p.m., on Friday, Jan. 4. Directions from Brompton [illegible] railway station, Gillingham. No flowers, please, but donations may be sent to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, P.O. Box 123, Lincolns Inn Fields WC2A 3PX.

ELAM.—On Dec. 31, peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge, 1984, aged 73, of Thornton Close, Cambridge, widow of Edgar, devoted mother of Susan and Bruce, loving grandmother of Sam, Juliette and Phillip. Funeral service at Cambridge Crematorium, Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1985, at 3 p.m. Flowers if desired to Harry Williams of 9, Victoria Park, Cambridge.

[illegible] — On [illegible], FRANCES IRENE, of the Isle of Elba, Italy. Service Tuesday, Jan. 8, at Chichester Crematorium, at 12 noon. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

FARNSWORTH.—On Dec. 28, 1984, peacefully in hospital, WALTER, aged 85 years, beloved husband of Sylvia, dear father to John and Philip. The funeral service will be held at the Kettering Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 3, 1985, at 1 p.m. All flowers and inquiries please to Rosewood Funeral Home, Co-operative Funeral Services, Strude Road, Wellingborough, tel. 227147.

FARRANDS.—On Dec. 27, after an illness bravely fought, RICHARD HENRY FARRANDS, D.S.C., Master Mariner and Trinity House Pilot. Cremation Tuesday, Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m., at Porchester Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Cancer Research, c/o Barclays Bank, Kingsway, Dovercourt.

[illegible] — On Dec. 29, [illegible] (Nell), aged 89 years, dearly loved by her children, grandchildren and friends. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, [illegible], on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 9.30 a.m., followed by cremation. No flowers by request, but donations, if desired, to [illegible] Fund, All Saints' Church, [illegible].

FEARMAN. — On Dec. 28, 1984, peacefully in hospital, [illegible], dearly loved husband and father. Funeral service at Hendon Crematorium, Holders Hill Road, Mill Hill, N.W.7, at 11.30 a.m. on Jan. 4, 1985. Flowers to Alfred Scales, 11, Church Street, Hertford.

FELLOWS.—On Dec. 28, in hospital, HAROLD, aged 76, of Enfield, loved husband of Maureen. Funeral Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 1 p.m., at St Mark's Church, Enfield, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, please.

FIRMAN.—On Dec. 31, 1984, peacefully in hospital, JOHN EDWARD (Ted), aged 78 years, of Rustington, Sussex, beloved husband of [illegible], father of [illegible] and Wendy, much loved grandfather of Duncan and Carolyn. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, for Cancer Research, may be sent c/o, and all inquiries to, F. A. Holland & Son, [illegible] Road, Littlehampton, Sussex, tel. [illegible].

FONTAINE.—On Dec. [illegible], suddenly at home, [illegible], loved great-great-uncle, retired Chief Radio Officer, P & O and Marconi Marine. Funeral at [illegible] Crematorium on Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 11.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Inquiries to 0245 413424.

FOSTER.—On Dec. 29, in hospital, [illegible], aged 82 years, of Whitcliffe Grove, Ripon, N. Yorks, dear father of Gill. Service and cremation at Stonefall, Harrogate, N. Yorks, on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. Sprays only, please, to F. Lowley & Son Ltd, 15, New Skellgate, Ripon, N. Yorks.

FURNELL.—On Dec. 29, 1984, suddenly at his home, [illegible] Wymington Road, Rushden, JOHN THOMAS, aged 77 years, the dearly loved husband of Florence [illegible], S.R.N., S.C.M. and loving father of Margaret and Janet, a devoted grampy who will be sadly missed by all the family. Funeral service at the Church of St Mary and St Peter, Rushden, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m., followed by interment at the [illegible] Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, may be sent c/o H. I. Phillips & Son (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 25, Princes Street, Kettering, Northants.

GALVIN.—On Dec. 27, 1984, peacefully at Northwick Park Hospital, JOHN FRANCIS, dearly loved husband of Bridget and beloved father of Kathleen, Francis, Richard and Michael. Funeral service at St John Fisher Church, Imperial Drive, North Harrow, [illegible] Monday, Jan. 7, at [illegible] p.m. Requiem Mass, Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. Flowers to L. J. Butler & Sons, Kenton, [illegible].

GAY.—On Dec. 30, 1984, at his home, [illegible], Colyford, Devon, [illegible], aged 74 years, beloved husband of Joan, father of Janet and [illegible] and [illegible] of Sally and Helen. Funeral service at the Exeter and Devon Crematorium on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired to Seaton and District Hospital, League of Friends, c/o Midland Bank, Seaton.

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GIBB.—On Dec. 29, at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, BERYL ELIZABETH, truly beloved wife of Robert, darling mother of Pamela and Sally and adored "G" of Jonathan, Peter, Tom, Eleanor, William and Henry. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, Surrey, on Friday, Jan. 4, at 2.30 p.m. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to her favourite charity, N.S.P.C.C., c/o Triggs Turner, High Street, Guildford.

GIBSON.—On Dec. 21, peacefully, LINCOLN JOHN GIBSON, aged 95, of The Warren, Cromer, devoted husband of the late Olive Aline. Funeral private. Memorial service at Overstrand Church to be arranged.

GOODFELLOW.—On Dec. 28, 1984, peacefully at home, ROSEMARY ANNE, of Woodeaton, Oxford, beloved wife of John and Mother of Tim and Ali. Funeral service private, but all inquiries to Reeves and Pain, 288, Abingdon Road, Oxford, tel. (0865) 242529.

GOODWIN.—On Dec. 28, peacefully in her sleep, MARY JANE GAYNOR, wife of the late Lewisham Ainslie, dearly loved mother of Dorothy and Joyce and the late Gaynor Rowland, beloved nana and great-nana. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Bexhill-on-Sea, Monday, Jan. 7, at 12.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Eastbourne. Inquiries to Mummery, F.D., 31, Devonshire Road, Bexhill 210418.

GRAY.—On Dec. 13, in Southampton, DOUGLAS HAMILTON, beloved husband of Peggy for 58 years.

GRAY.—On Dec. 28, in hospital, URSULA EMMA GRAY, aged 64 years, of 17, Amery Street, Alton, Hants. All funeral inquiries to Kemp & Stevens, on Alton (0420) 83177. There will be family flowers only, but in memory donations may be sent to Cancer Research, c/o Kemp & Stevens, 93, High Street, Alton, Hants.

GREENWOOD.—On Dec. 30, peacefully at Surbiton Hospital, DOUGLAS J. M. GREENWOOD, aged 64 years, beloved husband of Bette and father of [illegible]

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KNIGHT. — On Dec. 27, 1984, WILLIAM CHARLES, aged 75, beloved husband of Cissie, Church Warden, St Magnus The Martyr, London Bridge. Funeral Mass at St Magnus on Friday, Jan. 4, 12.30 p.m. Cremation at Honor Oak Crematorium. Flowers to Church.

LAWRENCE.—On Dec. 29, EMD LOUISE, aged 86, beloved aunt of Richard, Tony and Jane. Funeral service St Monica Home of Rest, Westbury-on-Trym, on Friday, Jan. 4 at 3 p.m., followed by cremation at Canford, at 3.40 p.m.

LEE.—On Dec. 29, 1984, suddenly at his home in Brockenhurst, IVOR TOM, in his 79th year. Will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

LEE.—On Dec. 28, 1984, peacefully, NANCYE, of Appleton Grove, Sale, beloved wife of the late ERNEST LEE, much loved mother of Peter, Michael and David and devoted grandmother of Sandra and Jacqueline. President of High Lee House, Sale, and a former Mayoress of the Borough of Sale. Funeral service at the Altrincham Crematorium on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 12.30 p.m. Flowers from the family only, please, but if wished, donations for High Lee House, may be sent to Messrs John G. Ashton & Company, Church Street, Altrincham, tel. 061 928 7816.

LEVESON-GOWER.—On Dec. 31, 1984, peacefully at home, KATE, widow of Harold and much loved mother of Ann and Charles. Funeral at Romaldkirk Church, near Barnard Castle, 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 2.

LEWIS.—On Dec. 30, peacefully at Cefn Coed Hospital, Swansea, Rev. MATHEW RICE LEWIS, of 8, Alderway, West Cross, Swansea, husband of Annie Louise, father of Janet and grandfather of Andrew and Louise. Funeral service 10.20 a.m., Friday, Jan. 4, at [illegible] Crematorium. No flowers by [illegible]. Donations in lieu, may be sent [illegible] Swansea and West Wales Cancer Aid [illegible], c/o Mr M. L. Griffiths, 3, A[illegible] Road, Cockett, Swansea.

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MARSH. [illegible]

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